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Haiphong	2 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	3.30 p.m.

BLACK-OUTS IN VIENNA

ZURICH, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Vienna now will be blacked out at night, according to the correspondent of a Swiss paper.

It is officially stated that the measure is intended to compromise in coal.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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KING LEOPOLD ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE ARMY

FROM PAGE ONE

Earlier to-night, Belgium's attitude is described as calmly vigilant. Political circles state that it is unlikely that "Phase B" will be changed and that it is unlikely that there will be a return to "Phase C" unless there is a great change in the international situation.

It is understood that the reason for the measures taken over the week-end was not due to discovery of plans on a German aeroplane which made a forced landing, but to political and military information received in Brussels.

Signs Of An Offensive

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is impossible to obtain authoritative information in Berlin to show whether the Belgio-Dutch defence measures are really justified by the German threats, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet".

Certain quarters in Berlin, however, are not surprised at these measures, since there are many signs to indicate that an offensive is planned for this month.

It is unlikely that an offensive would open with a breach of Holland's neutrality, but events might lead to this.

The intense cold improves the possibilities of action in the flooded Low countries.

To End War Quickly

The only object of an immediate German offensive would be how to end the war very quickly. Soldiers of units visited by Hitler at Christmas have written home to the effect that Hitler told the troops that the war would be over by spring, but authoritative sources in Berlin describe such reports as nonsense.

The presence of large German concentrations near the Dutch frontier is no longer a military secret.

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THIS GERMAN PHOTOGRAPH was taken on the Western Front and, according to a German caption, shows a German soldier running across a street into which Magmat Line artillery fire is still pouring.—South China Photo Service.

Army Insisting On Own Air Force

THE MINISTRY UNSYMPATHETIC

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that in spite of the unsympathetic attitude of the Air Ministry, the Army is pressing strongly, and will continue to press, its demand to have its own Air Force.

Army opinion argues confidently that it is necessary to have as complete a control as the Navy possesses of its own Air Arm.

It accepts the view that long-distance bombing and the air defence of Britain are not the duties of an army but of an air force.

But it advances the claim that the squadrons of an Expeditionary Force must carry out purely military duties essential to the conduct of war, and that, consequently, they should be an integral part of the Army and that their personnel should be Army men.

Airmen Agree

I believe this view is shared by many distinguished airmen who fought in the last war, as well as by military experts, who point out that short-range bombing machines can be compared with long-range artillery; reconnaissance machines with armoured scout cars and light tanks; and artillery co-operation machines with dominating observation posts on the ground.

Fighter squadrons for the protection of slower machines and for harassing the enemy are likened to machine-guns with wings.

While it is true that the Royal Air Force squadrons in France are co-operating excellently with the B.E.F., the Army holds that it will become increasingly necessary, as the war develops, that it should have as much control over the air weapon as over tanks, guns and all other military machines.

Special Training

For reconnaissance, for supplies and for technical co-operation in the battle zone, special types of aircraft are required, and special training is necessary for the purely military functions which the air arm will be called upon to perform under the direction of commanders in the field.

It remains to be seen whether the Air Ministry, which objects to the old arrangement before the Royal Air Force became a separate organisation in April, 1918, will be able to retain control, or whether the Government will yield to the Army demand.

The probability is that actual large-scale experience under intensified war conditions will finally determine the issue.

A. J. C.

CONSCRIPTION TRIBUNAL

Public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, No. 22 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, January 22, Friday, January 26 and Monday, January 29.

TWENTY-TWO V.C.'s IN ONE REGIMENT

Unique Battle Glory Of Borderers

In honour of the regiment's 250th anniversary, the two regular battalions of the South Wales Borderers have trooped the colour at places as far apart as Landi Kotal and Londonderry.

Two memorable episodes in the regiment's history are Chillianwallah and Rorke's Drift—90 and 60 years ago respectively.

The South Wales Borderers had their origin in Ireland, were affiliated to Worlwichshire in 1782 and only finally anchored to their present corner of the Principality of Wales under the Cardwell Scheme of 1881. The Duke of Marlborough was their colonel before he transferred to the Guards, and the names of his four great victories—Blenheim, Ramillies, Oudenarde and Malplaquet—are borne on the colours.

In the course of their 250 years service the South Wales Borderers have fought in four continents and on its colours are 21 pre-1914 and 74 Great War battle honours.

At Rorke's Drift

The night after the 1st Battalion had been practically wiped out at Isandhlwana, about 80 in the 2nd Battalion heroically defended Rorke's Drift, a post guarding the river crossing to Natal. At dawn after being driven back time after time the Zulus withdrew, leaving 370 dead.

The South Wales Borderers have gained 22 Victoria Crosses, more than any other regiment except the Rifle Brigade, and of these nine were gained on the same day—at Isandhlwana and Rorke's Drift. The last survivor of this band, Private John Williams, V.C., died at Cwmbran, Monmouthshire, in November, 1932.

Mr. G. W. Mabin, colour-sergeant in the regiment and possibly the last survivor of the Battle of Rorke's Drift, died in Cape Town last year, at the age of 90. He possessed a copy of a Natal newspaper containing the names of all the soldiers at the battle.

"There are a lot of people who say they were at Rorke's Drift during the Zulu War," he used to say. "They probably were—months after the battle. But all our names are here."

THEY FORGOT THEIR BABY

DANVERS, Mass. (UP).—A young man and woman entered a restaurant, ate, paid their check and departed.

As they sped away in their automobile an employee followed them in another machine. "Haven't you forgotten something," he shouted. "Gosh!" said the woman as she and her husband returned for their six-week-old baby they had left in an adjoining booth.

WINGED DEATH OVER FINLAND: MASSED RUSSIAN RAIDS CONTINUE

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make raids on the west coast. Their ships along the eastern frontier are used to cover the rest of the country.

Morale Unbroken
Finland cannot counter this advantage, her chief air bases being on the south coast behind the Karelian Isthmus defences.

Despite constant strafing from the air, the morale of the Finns is unbroken, but it would be tragic if the world thought that Finland's great successes on land meant that she was winning the war.

The Finns realised well that such successes were local successes only. Great masses of Russians are still being brought into play. Furthermore the Russians have dominated the skies with their bombers. Finland must have more fighters. Her fate depends upon her securing more help in the air. She has appealed to the whole world to help her counter Russia's strength.

Roosevelt's Gesture

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has informed Congressional leaders that he will send a communication to Congress the question of an additional loan to Finland through the Export and Import Bank for non-military purchases in the United States.

A Senate authority stated that President Roosevelt would discuss the question of an additional loan to Finland through the Export and Import Bank for non-military purchases in the United States.

8,500 HOUSES RAZED BY FIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Domei).—Up to 7.30 o'clock last night about 8,500 houses were believed to have been reduced to ashes in the disastrous fire in the city of Shizuoka in Western Japan. About 50,000 people have been rendered homeless.

The fire began to burn down for the first time about 9 o'clock in the night.

The prosperous city, with a population of 200,000 and about 30,000 houses, has been gutted from the northwestern tip to the southeastern end. Among the latest important buildings razed were the Minyu Shimbun and the City Post Office. The Imperial villa, the Prefectural Government, the City Office and the Police Station were reported to be safe.

A gale is blamed for the disaster.

SUSPECTED SABOTAGE

Factories Destroyed By Fire In Berlin

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—There have been four large fires in Berlin in 24 hours.

Two factories were completely destroyed while a third was badly damaged.

Extreme cold made it difficult for the Berlin firemen to prevent the flames from spreading.

In spite of the death penalty for incendiaryism, there have been many cases recently, and it is thought that these four fires are also due to sabotage.

Wants Bigger Submarines

Admiral Stark's New Request

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Rear Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, speaking before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, said that the Navy needs bigger submarines than those of some other Powers because under-sea operations might be required in the South Atlantic.

Admiral Stark declared that Germany and Russia had built large numbers of small submarines for use against nearby potential enemies, but "the United States builds submarines for operations against potential aggressive enemy action for distant from our shores."

Following Japan's Lead
"It has been the uniform policy of Japan to build a large number of submarines capable of operating in distant areas."

Replying to the criticism that the proposed \$1,300,000,000 expansion of the fleet was "too heavy in favour of destroyers," Admiral Stark asserted that Britain had 350 destroyers and other specially constructed escort vessels built or being built.

16 KILLED WHEN WALL COLLAPSES

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Sixteen were killed through the collapse of a wall during blasting at the Das Carlos Silver Mine at Pachuca.

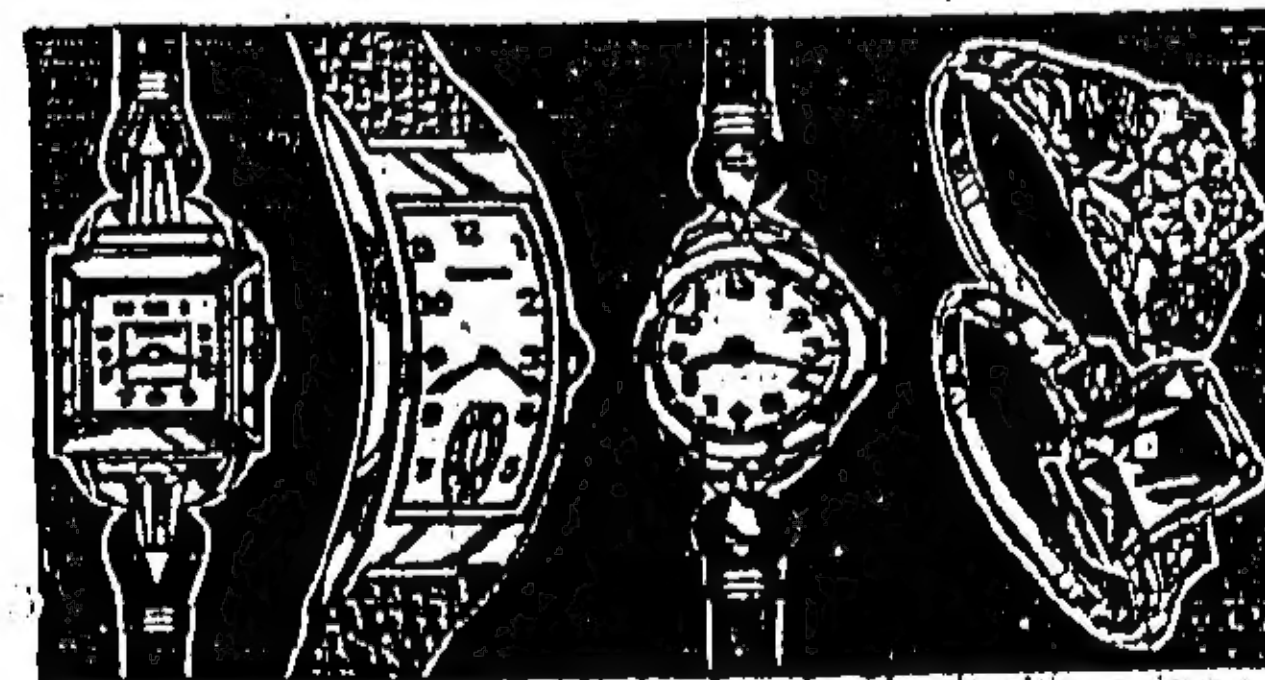
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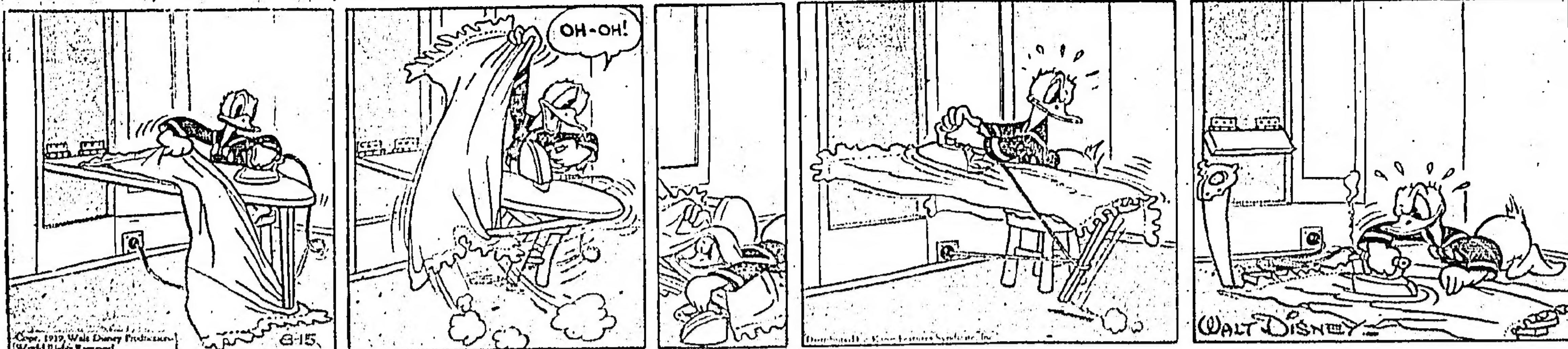
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12.30 Compositions of Strauss—A Night in Venice, Potpourri, March Weber; Delirium, Orchestra; Mascotte; Voices of Spring, Marta Eggerth (Soprano); Music of The Spheres, Orchestra; The Gypsy Baron Selection, George Boulanger Orchestra.

1.00 Local time signal, weather report.

1.03 Frances Day (Soprano) and Victor Silvester's Orchestra—Jolly Brothers, Baby's Sweetheart, Victor Silvester's Harmony Music; Midnight and Music, Frances Day; Were Friends Again, What A Night, Victor Silvester's Orchestra; Kisses Are Dewsdrops, Why Stars Come Out At Night, Victor Silvester's Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter, Rugby press, weather forecast, announcements.

1.45 Ballet, Symphony No. 1 in G Major—London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Walter Goehr.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music—Widening, One Sunday Afternoon, Billy Thorburn; I Paid for the Lie that I told You, Small Town, Geraldine Jalousie, Xavier Cugat; Tu Sais Henry King; I'm Gonna Put You in Your Place, Got No Time, "Fats" Waller; Where Is Our Blue Bird of Melody Lane, Sweethearts, Victor Silvester; Where Is Alexander, Frankie and Johnnie, The Six Swingers; Carlos Amores, Despreche Orquesta Tipica, Francisco Canaris; Roman, Lonely, Geraldine Jalousie; Break A Promise, The Organ; The Dance Band and Me; Cuckoo in the Clock, Shul-Eye, Kay Kyser.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Grace Fields, Arthur Askey and Mantovani and His Orchestra, London in Saying Goodnight, Grace Fields; Moonspan Drama, Love's Serenade, Mantovani; All To Speculation, The Cuckoo, Arthur Askey; Tanya Medley, Mantovani; Look Up and Laugh, Film Waltz Songs, Grace Fields.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local time signal, weather report, announcements.

8.02 Studio, Two-Plane Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from The Gloucester Hotel).

8.20 Selections from Kalman's "Countess Maritza," Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

8.33 B.B.C. Recording, "Poor Polly," A Sketch.

8.47 Barnabas Von Getzy and His Orchestra—Hindu Song, Valse Triste, 8.53 Studio, "Chinese Paintings in Hongkong."—A talk by Elsie Cholmondeley, Secretary to the Hongkong Committee of the Chinese Industrial Corporation.

9.05 Studio, Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay, News Summary.

9.30 London Relay, "Cards on the Table."

9.45 Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathétique")—Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.

10.30 A Concert by Simon Barer (Piano) and Natan Milstein (Violin).—Sonetto No. 104 Del Petrarca (No. 5) of Deuzieme Annee—L'Allegro Gno-moneigen—(Liszt), Simon Barer; Consolation (No. 3) (Liszt), Natan Milstein; Etude in F Minor (Liszt), Waltz in A Flat Major, Op. 42 (Chopin), Simon Barer; Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin), La Cam-parella (from Concerto No. 2 in B Minor, Liszt), Natan Milstein (Violin), Op. 7), Natan Milstein (Violin).

11.00 London Relay—"In England Now."

11.15 Close Down.

Law Gives Way To Cupid

MOBILE, Ala. (UP).—Even the law bows to Dan Cupid.

Fred Schell was arraigned in inferior court on charges of passing another automobile on the Mobile viaduct.

He pleaded for a continuance on grounds it would interfere with his coming marriage.

"Okay," said Judge Tisdale J. Tourt, "because you're going to cross your bridge sure enough this time."

R.A.F.'s DEADLY MULTI-GUN BATTERIES

(By RONALD WALKER)

FRANCE, Dec. 18.
FROM an inspection to-day of another of the German Dornier bombers brought down yesterday it is clear that the destructive effect of the multi-guns of the British fighters is very great.
Before I left England I heard some doubts cast, by experts on the value of the battery of machine-guns which equip our fighters.

Even a quick glance at these shot-down bombers, however, would dispel any doubt. Multi-machine-guns fired as one gun make a terrible weapon.

Where the machines have been struck exactly at the cone of fire the stream of bullets has torn great holes through the metal covering and structure of the aircraft. These holes have been blasted through fuselage and wing.

Accurate Shooting
At greater or shorter distances British pilots, who demonstrate very accurate shooting, have been able to spray their opponents with bullets using only very short bursts.

This German machine was landed by its pilot in a field not far from Mienchoude. He pulled off the landing with his undercarriage up.

Apparently it had been jammed by the fighter-pilot machine-gun fire. Previously his navigator and gunner had jumped with their parachutes.

The gunner, badly wounded, died on the way down. The top turret was battered by bullets.

Arrested By Civilians
The pilot was arrested by civilians after his machine had bumped and splattered to a halt over the muddy field. These people had watched the battle between the British fighter and the bomber breathlessly. It lasted for a quarter of an hour.

The German pilot did not set fire to his aircraft, which is practically intact except for damage by bullets and the landing.

Evidence from the plane proved that the Germans are attempting to make a very detailed survey of a wide area of France.

THE EX-KAISER MAY HAVE TO MOVE
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would be given. Further flood-gates and sluices would be opened, others closed, and the waves would then be diverted eastward to flow remorselessly towards Germany.

Eastern Holland would be separated from the west, where lie the key towns of Amsterdam, the Hague, and Rotterdam—separated by a vast expanse of water, encompassing nearly one-third of the whole country.

This is the Dutch plan to resist invasion by Germany, and it would take only six hours to carry out.

The Dutch Government has passed the Emergency Decree proclaiming large sections of the country as areas for flooding, but because of the heavy sacrifice entailed and the fact that there appears at present to be no direct threat of invasion, the vital word of command is withheld.

This decree was primarily intended to warn the inhabitants of the districts concerned that they must expect to be compulsorily evacuated at a moment's notice.

Natural Floods
IN my tour from Utrecht, where life is quite normal, to the German frontier, just beyond Nijmegen, I saw no signs of unusual activity. Many fields were flooded, but it was pointed out to me that this was due to the unusually high water level of the River Waal.

A certain amount of deliberate flooding has been undertaken but this was also the case in 1914. The areas are those which cannot be included in the six hours' scheme.

It was when the "big flood" is ordered the fertile meadows will be covered to a maximum depth of 2ft. This will be quite sufficient to make it impossible to distinguish between the fields and the myriads of 12ft. canals and ditches.

If any tank tries to cross that trap it will be just too bad for the tank, say the Dutch. So poor are the prospects, indeed, that the Dutch Army itself has only one tank. It was bought at the end of the last war, and after becoming bogged six times in a mile during its trial run it was transferred to the Dutch war museum, where it still remains.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

"Invaders" Were Nazi Deserters

DISCONTENT among the German Army—there have been many cases of troops crossing into Switzerland because of poor food and bad conditions—was revealed in curious fashion recently.

During the week-end there were constant rumours that the Nazis were about to invade Luxembourg. Many troops were seen near the frontier.

Then the mystery was solved. The soldiers were not intending to commit another act of aggression. All they wanted was to get out of Germany. They were would-be deserters from the Army.

Some men did manage to cross the border, but they were persuaded to return.

THEN there is more news that will cause worry to the man-in-the-street. Germany's economic position is becoming so parlous that a new loan, to be introduced this month, will be compulsory.

An Exchange Zurich message says that under the "loan" the owners of savings bank and post-office accounts will have to contribute from three to 40 per cent of their holdings.

Even the Hitler Youth must pay for their loyalty. They are to contribute a minimum of three marks each a year to the State.

EVEN the cheery, roaring fire around which in accordance with tradition, German families congregate each Christmas Eve was smaller last year.

The railways, neglected by the Nazis, are proving unequal to the demands of war and ordinary distribution.

Coal supplies have broken down and severe rationing is already in force.

PERHAPS the authorities are worried that these family gatherings will be a little discontented. They might even listen-in to foreign broadcasts—an action which has been illegal since early in the war.

And so the drive against such "heresy" has been intensified. One man in Berlin (says Exchange from Zurich) has been sentenced to four years' penal servitude, another at Dusseldorf to 12 months, and a third at Bremen to 18 months.

The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says that Germans must not forget for a minute that enemies remain enemies, even if they are disarmed and taken prisoner. No social intercourse whatever is permitted. Complete detachment and reserve must be shown towards them.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The rush of enquiries has temporarily eased, and to-day's trading was not on so an extensive a scale as has been the experience of a few preceding sessions.

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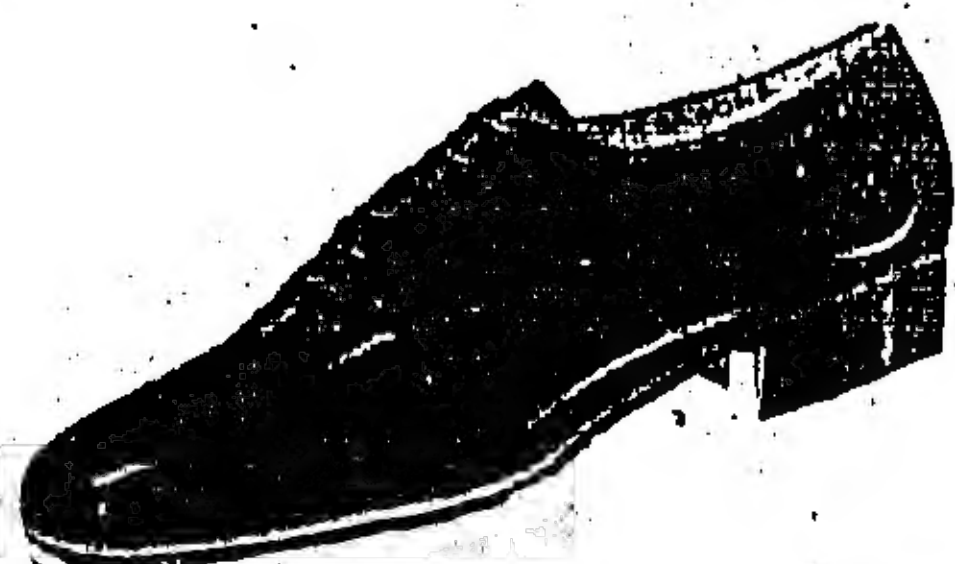


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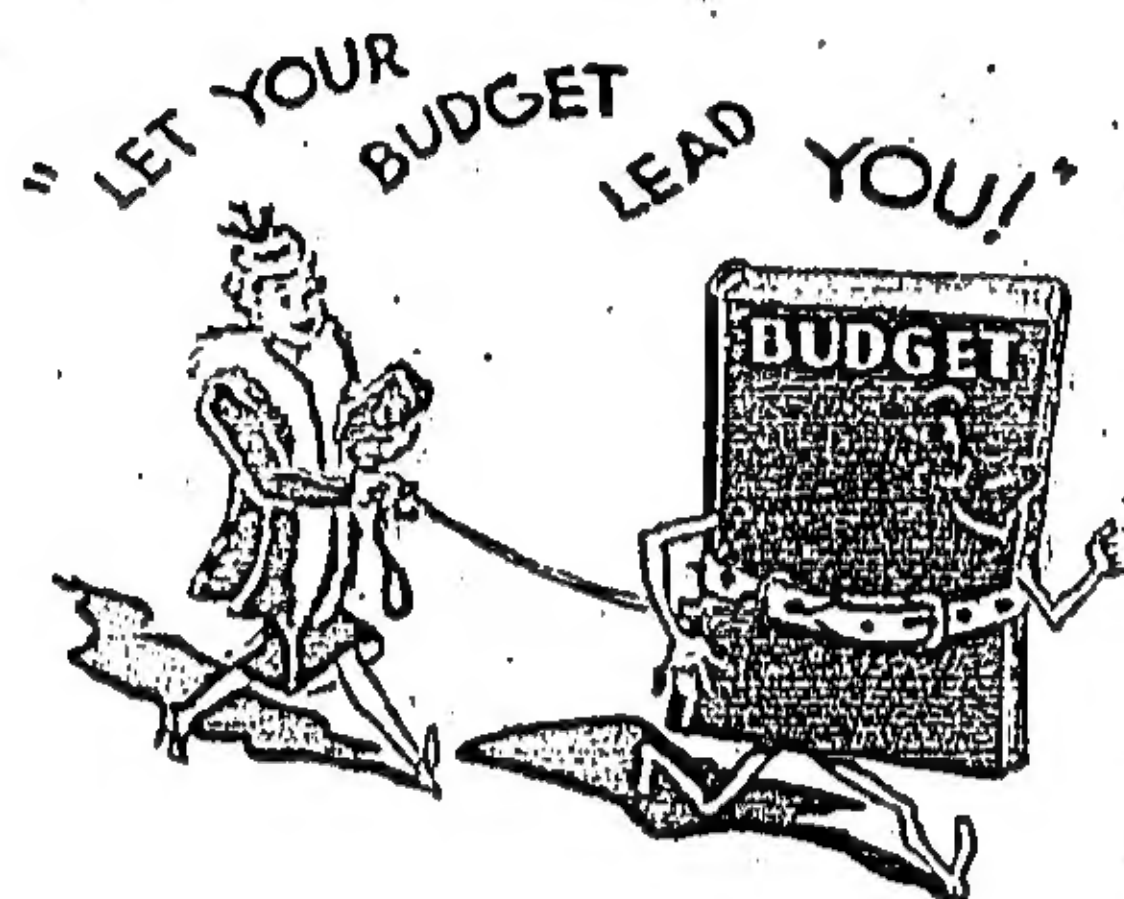
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Hongkong's Flora

The despoiling of the Colony's flora by countless gangs of firewood thieves has gained such alarming proportions, that a capably organised campaign in order to suppress the evil, is urgently needed.

It does not matter which district is considered, wherever trees and shrubs grow, these gangs of marauders are to be seen, day in and day out. Those who enjoy the Colony's countryside are horrified at the ruthless damage which has been done. Where once existed shaded forestry paths winding along the hillsides and through restful valleys, one now gazes upon ugly barren vistas, acre upon acre. Surely something can be done even at this late juncture?

Old residents who take a pride in the Colony point out to the newcomer that when Britain began development the hillsides were bare, and that the present beauty is the result of an early afforestation policy which has had the effect of transforming the barren nature then existing, to the pleasantly wooded Colony it is estimated that on the island alone, several thousand people are engaged daily in this nefarious practice. There is no doubt that many of them are taking advantage of the high price of firewood, and find it a lucrative business in supplying firewood merchants from the hills and dales of the Colony.

Every firewood merchant should be licensed, and called upon at any time to reveal the source of supply. The gangs themselves should be dealt with as sternly as is any other class of thief, for unless effective measures are taken immediately, the damage will become irreparable.

There is some sympathy for the beggars who collect a few bundles of dry sticks, but sentiment cannot be tolerated when it means the gradual disfigurement of the appearance of the Colony. The Botanical and Forestry Department should collaborate with the Police in stamping out this scandal, otherwise we might just as well save the money which is spent in planting trees and shrubs. There is no excuse whatever for the existing state of affairs, and it

WILL HITLER ATTACK THE LOWLANDS?

AN unknown number of German divisions are now massed along the Dutch and Belgian frontiers.

Scores of Nazi bombers are standing by on the frontier aerodromes and the tension has been increased by the imposition of a strict military censorship between Germany and the Low Countries.

What does it all mean? Is Hitler planning a Blitzkrieg through Holland or Belgium—or both—with the dual object of outflanking the Maginot Line and of establishing air and submarine bases on the Channel ports from which to launch his attack on Britain?

Such, in brief, is the strategy of the Von Epp plan, long toyed with by the German General Staff. But its chances of success are today small.

From the German point of view full success depends on a surprise attack of such force as to crush all opposition and enable German motorised columns swiftly to overrun the Low Countries.

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But today surprise is impossible. From the French border to the Zuider Zee is a chain of fortifications manned day and night by Belgian and Dutch troops.

By comparison with the sunken mountains of steel and concrete which are the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, the defences of the Low Countries are modest—pill-boxes and casemates, mined roads and bridges. Neither the Belgian nor the Dutch General Staffs believe that their de-

fences are impregnable. They are merely designed to hold up a German attack until help reaches them from the Allies.

Such help would certainly come, for Pitt's words that a hostile Power in occupation of the ports of the Low Countries "is a pistol pointed at the heart of England" are as true today as they were in the Napoleonic wars.

The defences of Belgium are stronger than those of Holland and ten times as strong, according to King Leopold, as they were in 1914, when the German onslaught caught Belgium napping.

Belgium's defence lines, and there are many of them, pivot on the great and modernised fortress of Liege. Standing in the trough of the Meuse, along which all the Germanic invasions of history have come, Liege comprises a double ring of forts at a distance of six and twelve miles respectively from the city. A continuous line of anti-tank defences and wire entanglements girdles the city and each individual fort is surrounded by deep anti-tank moats. Pill-boxes disguised as cottages and outhouses form the outposts.

If the Germans break through Holland, Belgium will fight along the new Albert Canal which stretches along her northern frontier eastward to Antwerp and is well fortified. Where the Albert Canal meets the Meuse is the new Eben Emael fort, cut into the solid cliff face with guns commanding the spot where the Germans crossed in 1914.

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If the Germans strike from the east, the Belgians will fight on another fortified line which radiates south from Liege. Should the Germans break through that line they would find themselves in the Ardennes, a vast salient of country which is backed by the River Meuse, whose cliffs form a magnificent line of defence.

The whole of this vast salient is time that residents who have the interest of the Colony at heart, should make the strongest possible representations to Government in order to save the Colony from the wholesale wood thieving which has become so general. It is so widespread, in fact, that a few constables scattered about on normal duty are almost powerless to cope with the problem. A Forestry Preservation Corps appears to be needed.



THE LOWLANDS

Neutrality

Both Belgium and Holland are neutral States in this war. Dutch neutrality is not internationally guaranteed like that of Switzerland. Holland is free to act as she thinks fit. No Power has the right to come automatically to her assistance.

The Belgian position is different. She had, till 1936, a military agreement with France. But France and Britain still guarantee her neutrality. There are, at present no military agreements between Holland and Belgium.

Both Powers are signatories of the Oslo Convention, together with Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Luxembourg, for the joint discussion of economic problems.

History

Belgium succeeded from the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Holland) after a revolution in August, 1830. Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was elected King 1831. Succeeded by Leopold II. (1865-1909), Albert (1909-1934) and Leopold III. Belgian independence recognised by all States of Europe at Treaty of London, 1839.

Language

There is no Belgian language. Northern half of Belgium is Flemish (Low Dutch) speaking, southern half is French speaking. This section of the population is called Walloons.

Until 1914-18 war French was official language. But in German occupied territory Flemish aspirations were encouraged.

Since that war the Flemings have gained ground. Flemings are mostly farmers with high birthrate, Walloons mostly industrial workers with low birthrate. Flemings would now prefer reunion with Holland. Walloons look to France. But Holland prefers Belgium to remain an independent buffer State.

Defence

Belgian Army is 800,000 war strength, Dutch is 250,000. Holland's first line of defence is behind the Rivers Yssel and Maas (see map). Beyond this, protecting Amsterdam and Rotterdam, is a 25-mile-wide band of floodable country.

Belgium's first line of defence on the north is behind the fortified Albert Canal between Antwerp and Maastricht. To the south-east the first line is formed by the forts round Liege and the hilly country of the Ardennes. Behind lies the strong line of forts on the left bank of the Meuse.

is planned as a strategic trap. trenches linking the forts and Belgium's army of 500,000, pill-boxes.

As in Belgium, all the frontier the outbreak of war, is now roads, bridges and dykes of completing the digging of Holland are mined. All the

frontier pill-boxes are manned. the Dutch army stands on guard.

Should the Germans strike, the Dutch will make their main stand along the Rivers Maas and Yssel, which flow parallel to the frontier.

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If forced to retreat, the Dutch will call on their oldest ally—the sea—and flood a 25-mile-wide belt of country, stretching from the Zuider Zee round Utrecht to the River Waal and the North Sea.

The hope is that Hitler's chariots will be caught in these waters to become a target for British bombers. But if the Germans ever get as far as this into Holland, it will leave them free to wheel southward against Belgium along three main roads—from Nijmegen to Breda, from Venlo to Turnhout, and from Venlo to Maastricht.

One possibility is that Germany may be content with attacking Holland, in which case Belgium might still remain neutral.

In face of reverses, or the continued stalemate on the Western Front, Hitler may be tempted to try to repeat the great flanking movement through neutrality which so nearly succeeded for Germany in 1914.

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The ex-Kaiser may have to move

WHILE Holland stands by to open the flood-gates to let loose a 30-miles tidal wave as a barrier against invasion of her lowlands, the ex-Kaiser considers the possibility of having to move house in case his countrymen should cross the frontier.

I have just made a lightning tour of the area which would be flooded in the event of trouble. In the midst of that area is the Castle of Doorn, sanctuary of the 80-years-old ex-Kaiser.

Only last June the residents of Doorn gave the ex-Kaiser a summer-house. Here he is drinking their health at the presentation.



The Dutch authorities smiled when they heard that this white-haired old man who led his people to war 25 years ago was now busy building underground air-raid shelters.

They immediately despatched a courier inviting him to take up residence at the Hague should invasion seem imminent.

It is a tremendous scheme that Holland has embarked upon to protect her country.

To-night, at key points of the elaborate system of dykes, canals, and waterways—memorials of her ceaseless fight with the sea—sentinels stand waiting with wrenches, crowbars, and sticks of dynamite for a broadcast word which would empower them to send a vast tidal wave of water from the North Sea to the higher elevations of the Belgian frontier.

The wave would sweep over fields and meadows, pour through villages, and isolate ancient towns, such as Utrecht, where I am writing this message.

When the wave reached the Belgian frontier, other commands

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

LOWLANDS READY TO RESIST

New York, Jan. 15. The cancellation of leave of the British Expeditionary Force and the Belgian and Dutch Armies forms the principal topic in the New York newspapers.

"Once again Belgium and the Netherlands are preparing to defend themselves," writes the New York Times.

"Whether Germany attacks or withholds the expected blow, these neutral countries are almost as much the victims of war as the belligerents. Dutch merchant ships are being sunk each week by German mines and submarines. Belgium and Holland are put to the huge expense of mobilization and their population live in constant terror of attack."

The New York Herald-Tribune writes, "If to the dead nations which Nazi imperialism has left behind it is added the slaughter of Belgium and Holland, it would be regarded as a monstrous crime by every nation in the world."—Reuter.

London Conjecture

London, Jan. 15. If Hitler is actually preparing a blitzkrieg it will almost certainly come without warning, and therefore the current alarms about Belgium and Holland may turn out, as was the case on more than one previous occasion, to be false.

This view is unofficial, but is held in well-informed quarters in London, which, revealing that a somewhat similar position arose in November in regard to the low countries which were believed to be in peril, say that fortunately these fears proved groundless although there was ample substantiation for them at the time.

It is stated that the fears being expressed in the Press to-day might prove unfounded, but it is pointed out that when Hitler has struck in the past it has always been with extreme secrecy and swiftness. Therefore the publicity being given to the low countries may be an indication that nothing in fact, will take place.

It is learned that the Dutch and Belgian people are taking the situation with admirable calm, and this is felt to be an example for other countries.

In view of improved weather in Central and Eastern Europe and the apparent thaw in those regions, it is believed in London that conditions may be more favourable for adventures here than in the low countries. It is thought that a move might be made there with attention being diverted to Belgium and Holland.—Reuter.

May Only Be Bluff

Paris, Jan. 15. Comment on the tension in Belgium and Holland indicates that the Press

ADMIRAL YONAI COMPLETES NEW JAPANESE CABINET

America Ready For Anything

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (UP).—The Federal Security Administration, Mr. Paul V. McNutt said today that the past ten years of international duplicity had rarely been equalled, and the United States had never once failed to protest against aggression and wrong.

The realistic nature of the United States foreign policy, he said was made evident by the greatest preparations for the maintenance of peace in the country's history, by the strengthening of defence on land and sea. America was preparing for any eventuality.

Events of the past ten years have convinced even the most sanguine idealists that a naval establishment second to none is the only insurance against war.

DROUGHT BREAKS

Light Rain Falls, More Expected

The Colony's 50-day drought was broken last night when a slight drizzle fell throughout the city and Kowloon areas about 8.10 p.m. Expectations of a heavier fall later were not fulfilled, for by 9.10 p.m. the sky had again cleared and the Observatory had only recorded 0.029 during the hour.

However, the long dry spell had ended and Observatory officials expected further light rain during the next day or two.

The drizzle was only sufficient to wet the roads and rooftops.

The 50-day drought had brought the Colony within ten days of the longest drought ever experienced. That was during November and January, 1935-36. Other long spells were in November and December, 1933, when there was no rain for 11 days, and in December and January, 1934, when a 50-day drought was recorded.

Although December, January and February are normally the driest months, an average of over an inch is usually recorded.

Generally regarded the German threat as another piece of bluff.

Portinax writes in L'Ordre that the general opinion is that the Reich only wants to obtain supplies through threats.—Reuter.

Representatives From All Big Parties: Friendly to Democracy

Admiral M. Yonai, the Premier Designate, has chosen a powerful national Cabinet in Japan, including representatives of the major political parties. Political circles in Tokyo point out that the new Cabinet will stick to the established policies for the disposal of the China Affair.

Army authorities hope that the new Government will recognise the Defence Budget which has been compiled by the outgoing Cabinet. They are anxious that the Government should make strenuous efforts for the stabilisation of living conditions on the home front.

From the viewpoint of international relations, Admiral Yonai is regarded in Tokyo as friendly to the Democracies and antagonistic to the Totalitarians.

Tokyo, Jan. 15. While Admiral Mitomasa Yonai, the Premier Designate, is endeavouring to organize a powerful national Cabinet, political circles point out that the new Cabinet will stick to the established policies for the disposal of the China Affair. The policy towards the proposed new Central Government in China which was recently formally decided upon by the outgoing Cabinet, will be supported by the new Cabinet.

Admiral Yonai has decided to designate Mr. Hachiro Ariga, former Foreign Minister, as Foreign Minister.

Mr. Sotaro Ishiwata, former Finance Minister, will be named Chief Secretary of the Cabinet.

Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida will retain office as Navy Minister.

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Both the "conservative" and the "reformist" sections of the Seiyukai, the second largest political party, have decided to support the new Cabinet.

Mr. Shotaeta Kimura, the Public Prosecutor-General, has been nominated Justice Minister.

Admiral Yonai has decided to offer two portfolios each to the Minseitō and the Seiyukai, major political parties. Admiral Yonai hopes for the enlistment of the presidents of these parties.

Army authorities have agreed that General Hata, the war Minister, should remain generalissimo. Kuniaki Kōsen, former Overseas Minister in the Hiranuma Cabinet, has been designated Minister for Overseas Affairs.

Mr. Hisatada Hirose, former Minister for Public Welfare, has been

New Japanese Cabinet

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Domest).—The roster of the new Japanese Cabinet headed by Admiral Mitomasa Yonai will be:

- Premier Admiral Mitomasa Yonai
- Foreign Minister Mr. Hachiro Ariga
- Home Affairs Mr. Hideo Kodama
- Finance Mr. Yukio Sakuruchi
- War Mr. General Shunroku Hata
- Navy Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida
- Justice Mr. Shotaeta Kimura
- Education Mr. Chihajiro Matsuno
- Agriculture and Forestry Mr. Toshio Shimada
- Commerce and Industry Mr. Gintaro Kodama
- Communication Mr. Masanori Kato
- Railway Mr. Tsurumichi Matsuno
- Overseas General Kuniaki Yoshida
- Chief Secretary Mr. Sotaro Ishiwata
- Director of Legislative Bureau Mr. Tadashi Hirose

named Director of the Legislative Bureau.

The group of Diet members in the Lower House which started the anti-Government drive at the end of last year and constituted an important factor in the collapse of the Abe and dissolved recent movement.

The proposed new Cabinet will continue with the system of Cabinet Councilors and following previous instances in dealing with their resignations will ask the Councilors to withdraw their resignations.

Mr. Chihajiro Matsuno, the President of the Minseitō Party, was offered the Portfolio of Finance this afternoon. The Premier-Designate asked Mr. Matsuno to join the Cabinet in the virtual capacity as the Vice-Premier.

Mr. Yukio Sakuruchi, leader of the Minseitō, has been designated Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. Mr. Chihajiro Matsuno, the President of the Minseitō Party, who was requested to join as the Finance Minister, declined the offer, promising to recommend a competent candidate from among members of his Party.

Dr. Chihajiro Matsuno, former President of the Kyushu Imperial University, has been designated Minister of Education. Candidates for the Portfolio of

Commerce and Industry include Mr. Gintaro Fujimura, President of the Fujiwara Paper Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Takachi Iwata, leading figure in industrial circles.—Domest.

Authority On China Affairs

Tokyo, Jan. 15. Commenting on the appointment of Admiral Mitomasa Yonai as the head of the new Cabinet, the Asahi Shimbun says he is the first candidate who would be chosen for the Premiership by Navy circles. If they were asked to make a selection from among naval leaders.

The policy of "hands off politics" has been so strongly advocated by the Navy since the incident of February 26, 1936, which occurred during the premiership of Admiral Okada, that the general public has failed to pay attention to Admiral Yonai as a potential candidate for Premier, the Journal points out.

Admiral Yonai was first appointed Navy Minister when the Hiranuma Cabinet was organized in 1937, at which time he succeeded Admiral Nagano as the Head of the Navy.

When the Hiranuma Cabinet resigned in June of the same year to be succeeded by the Konohe Cabinet, Admiral Yonai retained his position, playing an important role as head of the Navy administration when the China Incident broke out in July of the same year.

When the Konohe Cabinet resigned in January of last year and was replaced by the Hiranuma Cabinet, the Navy was still unanimous in recommending Admiral Yonai to retain the Navy portfolio.

For nearly two full years Admiral Yonai held the post of Navy Minister, after which he was assigned to the Supreme War Council.

In his first year, Admiral Yonai, hails from Iwata Prefecture, in the north eastern part of Japan, was also Lieut-General Iwagaki, the former War Minister.

After finishing the Middle School course at Morioka, the capital of Iwata Prefecture, he entered the Navy Cadets' School, which he left in 1910.

He served as a Lieutenant during the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-5. In 1914 he graduated from the Naval Staff College. Among the appointments he has held are, Captain of the warship Iwate, Chief Staff Officer, Second Fleet Commander, First Overseas Fleet Commander, Commander-in-Chief of the Third Fleet, Commander-in-Chief of Sasebo Naval Station, of Yokosuka Naval Station, and of the Combined Fleet.

As his career indicates, his assignment to Tokyo has been as member of the Naval General Staff and recently as Navy Minister. His assignment to China waters, however, has been a very long one, as he is regarded the Navy's greatest authority on China affairs.

Admiral Yonai has no brilliant school record. His promotion has never been rapid. However, the Asahi Shimbun points out, his amiable personality was of such a nature that he endeared himself to the whole nation, while his homely folksy speech of him as "Mitichan."

Further Support Offered

Tokyo, Jan. 15. Admiral Mitomasa Yonai, who has been a member of the new Cabinet when he succeeded later in the afternoon in enlisting in the proposed Ministerial roster Mr. Yukio Sakuruchi, veteran member of the Minseitō, the largest political party, as the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Sakuruchi was formerly the Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Wakasuki Cabinet and the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in the Hiranuma Cabinet.

Mr. Masanori Kato, also a leading member of the Minseitō, has been designated Minister of Communications.—Domest.

Japan And America

Tokyo, Jan. 15. The Japanese Foreign Office spokesman to-day said it is believed that the changes in the Japanese Cabinet will not affect the Japanese-American trade negotiations.

Japan's proposed draft for a modus vivendi has been presented to Washington by the Japanese Ambassador and the Japanese Foreign Office expects an answer before January 20, Japan is agreeable to concluding a modus vivendi through an exchange of notes.—United Press.

Japan Confident

Tokyo, Jan. 15. No change will be made in Japan's

"Dollars Fight For Freedom"

OTTAWA, Jan. 15 (Reuter Bulletin).—Canada's first war loan was opened to subscription to-day with the slogan "Make your dollars fight for freedom."

One of the first subscriptions received was one of \$20,000 from the Donna Quintuplets Trust Fund.

Colonel Ralston, Canadian Finance Minister, declared that Canadians should concentrate on winning the war by subscribing to the war loan. He added that the United Kingdom purchases from Canada for the first year of the war would amount to \$100,000,000.

Babies Should Speak 3 Words

When They Are A Year Old

IOWA CITY, (UP).—Research by a child welfare expert at the University of Iowa revealed that the average baby cannot speak at the age of eight months and utters a single word at 10 months.

On the average, the language learning process progresses from the first sentence after the 15th month to 1,500 words at 4 years, according to Dr. Orvis C. Irwin.

Dr. Irwin's research showed that the child at year usually has a vocabulary of three words and after another six months has increased it to 20 words.

"During the next three months it will jump to more than 100 and at two years it may contain as many as 250 words," Dr. Irwin said. "From the second year on, the words will be added at a reduced rate so that at 3 there will be some 900 words and at 4 about 1,500."

The 10 most frequently used words in constructing a sentence, according to Dr. Irwin, are: "I," "is," "it," "you," "that," "do," "an," "this," "not" and "the."

Nouns and verbs are used more frequently than adjectives and connectives, the research expert said. Declarative sentences predominate during the first five years, he added.

foreign policy, the continuity of which will be maintained irrespective of the Cabinet change, the Foreign Office spokesman states.

Questioned regarding the negotiations between Japan and the United States, the spokesman revealed that the Japanese Government has presented a draft of a modus vivendi to the State Department of Washington. It is expected that something will come of this before January 20 when the existing treaty of commerce and navigation between the two countries lapses.

The spokesman added that he could not say what form of modus vivendi would be concluded, because there were several forms including an exchange of notes between the two countries.

Turning to the question of the new Central Government, the spokesman said that preparations for establishment of the new Government are progressing smoothly, while the conference of the three "big heads," namely, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Wang Kuo-min and Mr. Liang Hung-chi will take place soon.—Domest.

American Threat

Washington, Jan. 15. Authorities here disclose that the United States will not enter into even a temporary agreement to replace the commercial treaty with Japan expiring on January 20 unless Japan makes effective guarantees that American interests will receive equal and fair treatment hereafter in Japanese-occupied China.—Reuter.

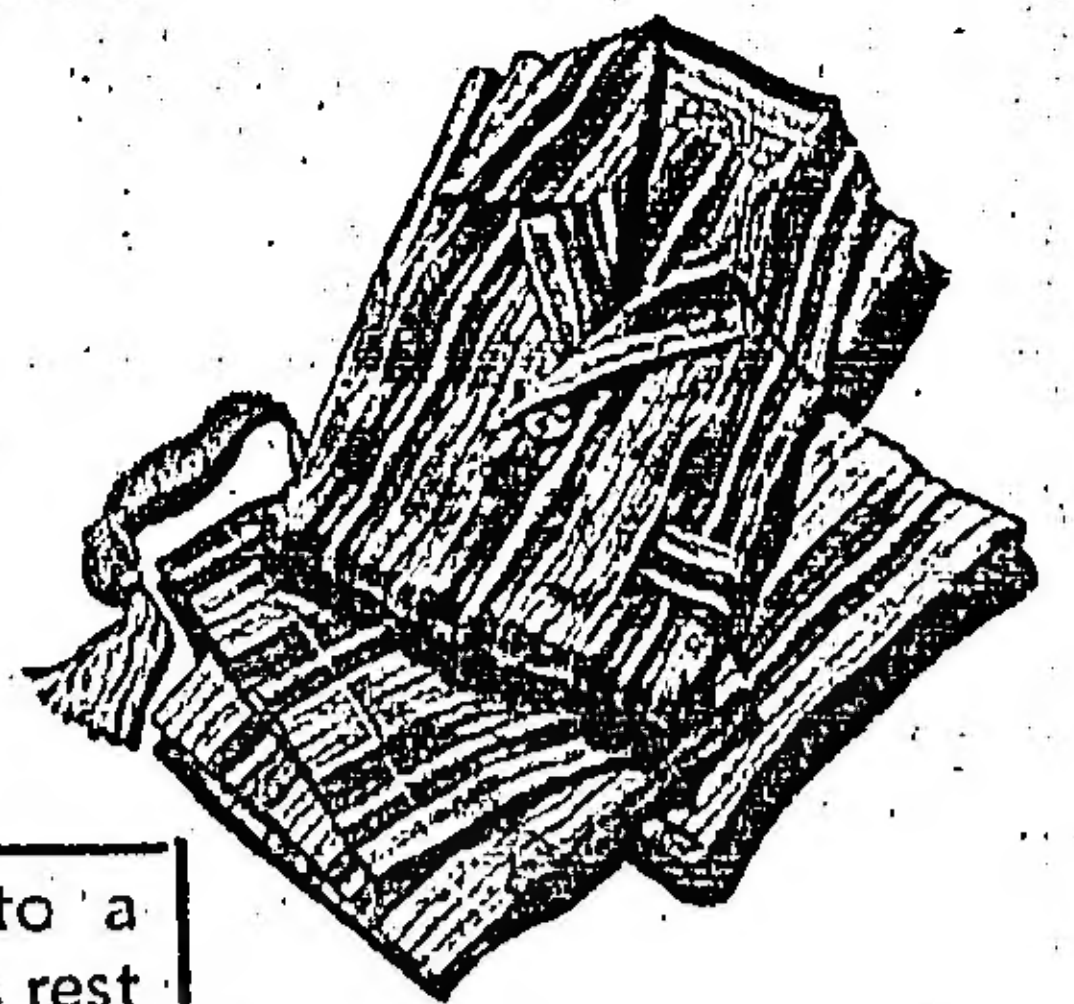
Month To Month Basis

Washington, Jan. 15. The complete secrecy that has been maintained in official circles concerning the future of American-Japanese relations shows no signs of being lifted as the fatal day—January 26—when the abrogation of the existing trade treaty becomes effective, approaches. Only one thing that emerges as certain out of the welter of irresponsible speculation that has been the order of the day here, is that a new treaty cannot be signed by the President alone.

The President could abrogate a treaty on his own power but Congress alone can provide a new treaty. It is generally expected among foreign diplomatic circles that after January 26, the conditions provided for under the existing treaty will be allowed to continue almost indefinitely on a month to month basis so that no new treaty will be negotiated nor any drastic change enforced. It should be emphasized, however, that there is not one shred of official evidence to confirm even this prediction which must therefore, remain in the realm of speculation until such time as the present official silence is finally broken.—Reuter.

American Senator Pleased

Washington, Jan. 16. Senator King said to-day "I know Admiral Yonai. He is much more temperate and less millitant than the man he succeeds."—United Press.



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Japanese Town Razed By A Huge Fire

Shizuoka, Jan. 15. The city of Shizuoka, capital of Shizuoka Prefecture, is threatened by a conflagration. A fire which started to-day, fanned by an east gale, spread to 14 different places over the city.

Troops of the 34th Regiment have been called out to fight the conflagration. Eleven streets to-day have been practically razed to the ground. With the railway station at Shizuoka being seriously threatened, the train service on the Tokaido Railway has temporarily been interrupted.

The original fire was subsequently put under control but another blaze broke out in the main street of the city.

The prosperous streets in the south-western sector of the city were reported to have been practically wiped out. About 1,000 houses have already been destroyed. The Imperial Villa, the Prefectural Government, the City Post Office, and other official buildings in the upper sections of the city are reported safe.—Domest.

Assistance For Police

Nagoya, Jan. 15. Thirty gendarmes left here by train this afternoon for Shizuoka to reinforce the police in maintaining order in the city where a disastrous fire was still raging this evening.

Health authorities in the Aichi Prefectural Government and Nagoya City dispatched groups of physicians and nurses to the ill-fated city to aid the rescue of sufferers.

The Nagoya Railway Bureau is sending train-loads of material for emergency rehabilitation including rails, sleepers, and timber.—Domest.

Special Rescue Train

Nagoya, Jan. 15. Loaded with tents, blankets, and other relief goods, a special rescue train left Nagoya for Shizuoka at 5.30 p.m., while the second rescue train carrying 150 bags of rice, 320 sacks of charcoal, rails, sleepers and material left here for the fire-stricken city at 8 p.m.

The authorities of the Third Division have dispatched Captain Suzuki from his headquarters to establish contact with the devastated area. Military authorities are preparing to send troops from Hamamatsu if

necessary to co-operate in the rescue operation.—Domest.

Many Buildings Gone

Hamamatsu, Jan. 15. The number of houses destroyed in the conflagration in the city of Shizuoka up to 6 p.m. to-day reached 3,000.

Among the important buildings razed are the City Girls' Commercial School, the Primary School at Sambuncho, the Freight Service Department of the Shizuoka Station, the branch of the Suruga Bank, the branch of the Yasuda Savings Bank, the Matsuzakaya Department Store, the Kubukiza Theatre, the Denkikan, a cinema, the Daito Hotel and the Fugetsu, a restaurant.—Domest.

Three Hundred Casualties

Tokyo, Jan. 15. Three hundred persons are reported killed or injured in the disastrous fire which has been sweeping the city of Shizuoka since this morning. Participating in the desperate fight against the devouring flames, troops were trying to open a fire-zone by dynamiting, according to a report from the stricken city.

The pilot of an airliner which arrived at Tokyo at 4 p.m. after passing over the city at 2.55 p.m., said that he saw the bulk of the western part of the city enveloped in flames.

He also sighted trains held up along the Tokaido Railway. He felt the heat even at an altitude of 1,500 metres.—Domest.

Three Hundred Dead

Tokyo, Jan. 15. A terrible disaster occurred in Japan to-day when a conflagration took a toll of 300 lives and destroyed about 1,500 buildings.

The fire broke out at noon at "Shizuoka," famous tea shipping port. It spread in all directions, fanned by a south-easterly gale, and gutted the railway station, post office and other important buildings. It was still raging at 6 p.m.

Telephone and telephone communications have been interrupted. The stationmaster at Tokyo has been informed that half of Shizuoka city has been burned down, while traffic on the Tokyo-Osaka main line is interrupted indefinitely.—Reuter.

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

HIGH SCORING ON CLUB GROUND

Kowloon Need More Bowlers: Doubts About Army In The League

THIS LEAGUE BUSINESS has got me beaten, and with the rearrangement of the fixtures I just don't know where I am for the time being. I expect I shall manage to dope it out later. It is a most unfortunate thing that the Club cannot carry on, but they are, of course, very hard hit by the various camps, not to mention the over-present handicap of Rugger which takes so many useful cricketers for their first few seasons out here.

I have not definitely heard, but it seems as if the Army were not going to run a first eleven but play as a second division team. This may be incorrect, but judging from some of the names in the second eleven it looks probable. It is utterly impossible to do much forecasting at present, but I cannot help thinking that the I.R.C. have a very fair chance of being pretty near the head of the League.

THE CLUB had the usual four out of the Civil Service eleven to help them, but even so it did not do them much good in the way of coping with the Kowloon batsmen. The wicket seemed to play very easily, and the ground was so fast that the ball went to the boundary at a tremendous pace. Then, again, no one could find a length or look dangerous in any way except Perry, for an over or two in his second spell, when he bowled Archie Zimmerman and Rayley with successive balls.

John Pearce sent down one or two very good ones but was not at his best. It must, however, be realized that T. A. Pearce was away with a strain, and Owen Hughes confined to bed with a touch of flu, so the Club were at a great disadvantage.

FIRST WICKET PARTNERSHIP

ANDERSON was content to go along slowly (I hear he was dropped before he had scored) and let Hung do most of the run-getting, but when the latter was bowled by John Pearce at 64, he blazed up and hit very powerfully. So did Eric Fincher who played all the bowling with complete confidence, and made 72 of his 101 not out from boundary hits. Perry took a very nice catch to send back Anderson, and Fortescue, behind the wickets, let me tell you, I am told this is the third innings running on the Club ground in which there have been no byes.

A GOOD OPENING

THE CLUB also started well as Richardson and Fortescue sent up 76 for the first wicket, and their partnership was broken only by a stupid bit of error. I could not see who was to blame, but there was no hesitation in the middle of the pitch. Richardson is developing a very bad habit of running a step or two down the pitch after playing the ball, and then looking at the other batsman. If he calls it is not audible from the side of the field. There should be no such tactics.

If it is the striker's call he should say in a clear and audible voice "Yes," "No" or "Wait," as the case may be when he has played the ball. If it is the backing up batsman's call he should do the same as soon as the ball has been played. If either batsman feels it can't be done he should send his partner back with a really

definite shout—either "No" or "I can't."

Everyone really knows this, but it is amazing how often you see two men performing a sort of Indian war dance in the middle of the pitch from sheer indecision.

A GOOD KNOCK

RICHARDSON continued to bat well, which was lucky for the Club as no one else did much until Perry and McLellan played out time. Incidentally there developed a nasty spot at each end and Dicky got a nasty smack on the cheek—one from Goodwin. I thought at one time we were going to see two centuries made in a Saturday afternoon, but Dicky got careless and played inside one from L. Burch, a young bowler who has just left school I find, and who has a very nice easy action. He has a rather long run but he tells me he finds he wants it and I don't believe in monkeying about with a fellow's natural inclinations as regards his bowling. Besides, as W.G. used to say, it gives a batsman all the more time to decide what stroke he is going to play before he sees what sort of a ball is coming down.

POOR BATTING

SOME of the Club batting was rather poor. Kibbey never seemed to see a single ball properly. Carey was the victim of an amazing catch as he hooked Goodwin, very hard and low, and D. Hung dived sideways and took the ball low down at full length—one of the most spectacular catches I have seen for a long time.

Goodwin sent down some useful stuff, and I was glad to see his leg stood up to it, though he wants a bit of practice, as he sent down far too many "lift" fours. It will mean much to K.C.C. if he returns as a regular bowler.

R. E. Lee was absent ill, and it rather showed up the bowling. R. Labrum of Central British (or is it Diocesan?) fielded very keenly.

A good game to watch—397 runs in the afternoon and quite a return to the old days upstairs after the match. I was glad to drink in the cheerful spectacle—and other things.

THE CLUB WIN

THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB second eleven seem to be in excellent form at present, as after beating the Army last week they have now put

Contract That Was Recently Renounced



TAKE PEN IN HAND—Henry Armstrong, world's welterweight champion, left, and Ceferino Garcia, world's middleweight champion, sign in Los Angeles for 10-round title bout on Feb. 22. But if either loses title in bouts before that time, fight will be cancelled. If Armstrong wins Garcia must have return match.

This contract was broken by Armstrong on Sunday on the grounds of racial prejudice in Hollywood.

EFFORT TO SETTLE MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE DISPUTE FAILS

CLEVELAND, (UP).—Negotiations were opened recently for two title fights, when Promoter Mike Jacobs, of New York, telephoned Nate Druxman, Seattle Promoter.

"Uncle Michael" of New York's 20th Century Club made the first move. He telephoned Druxman to this effect:

"Let's match Al Hostak and Ceferino Garcia for Madison Square Garden some time this winter, and settle the middleweight championship dispute."

Hostak, the "Savage Slav" from Seattle, is recognized as middleweight champion by the National Boxing Association, whereas Garcia is acknowledged by the New York Commission.

Unquestionably, Jacobs' telephone call was dictated by Hostak's first round knock-out of Eric Seelig at the Cleveland Arena recently. Experts who watched Hostak's first appearance east of the Rockies were unanimous in their opinion that he

is the hardest hitter in the middleweight division since the days of Stanley Ketchell.

Jacobs also talked with Hostak's manager, Eddie Marino, but that conversation accomplished virtually nothing.

HOSTAK'S CONDITIONS

MARINO, who is a close friend of Druxman, informed Jacobs that Hostak would be delighted to accept Madison Square Garden under these conditions:

That Billy Conn, who is under contract in Jacobs, defend his light-heavyweight title against Hostak in a 10-round bout which Hostak would defend his 160-pound claims against Ceferino Garcia at New York for Jacobs.

Negotiations halted abruptly when "Uncle Mike" hung up his ear-piece with the concluding remark, "Nertz!"

Hostak recently bought a new automobile at Detroit, and drove to Seattle for the holidays, after which he will return to Chicago to defend his title claims at Chicago's Coliseum against Tony Zale.

ARMSTRONG'S PLANS

MEANWHILE, welterweight champion, Henry Armstrong, who knocked out Jimmy Garrison, of Cleveland, in the second bout, will go to St. Louis and Los Angeles for holidays, after which he may tangle with Davey Day at Chicago in a return bout. Armstrong once beat him in New York.

Cycling Club Resumes Outings

THE HONGKONG CYCLING CLUB resumed activities over the week-end when, led by the new captain, Leung Yu-yee, an enjoyable outing was held.

On Saturday cyclists left Wanchai at 2 p.m. and made their way via Causeway Bay and Shaukiwan to Lyceum Hill, where they entered a final stretch to Shek-O.

On Sunday, a big gathering left the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. and went via Castle Peak to Tin Lung, where a halt was made for refreshments. The circuit was completed during the afternoon.

Next month the Colony best-all-rounder contest will be held on the Castle Peak Road over 10, 20 and 30 miles.

NEW FOOTBALL CLUB FORMED IN KOWLOON

THE FORMATION of a new football Club in Hong-kong by the Peninsula Hotel staff was the occasion of a gala held at the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday.

A large gathering of friends turned out to support the football match between "A" and "B" teams, which was the main event of the afternoon. The "B" team won by two goals to one.

The Club is comprised of several teams from the various departments of the Hotel. A tournament has been arranged and two cups will be presented. The first prize was offered by the late Mr. J. Gould, and Mr. Ralph Dorrer donated the second. A number of new footballs were presented by Mr. H. G. McNary, of the American Banknote Company, and Mr. A. Glendon, Sub-Manager of the Peninsula Hotel.

The Honorary President of the Club is Mr. A. K. Dimond, the President is Mr. Tai Tim, and the Secretary Mr. J. W. Mills.

Golf

COMPETITIONS AT FANLING

Match Play Stages Of Captain's Cup

SEVERAL golf competitions were played at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club over the week-end.

The following were the second round results in the match play stages of the Captain's Cup.—J. W. Mayhew (10) beat G. Riddell-Carr (one up); D. S. Edwards (4) beat M. J. Reidy (one up); N. K. Littlejohn (10) beat J. Forbes (12) and J. T. Smith (2) beat S. T. Butler (15) two and one.

A QUALIFIER

D. Humphreys returned 73 (7) 60 to qualify during the January qualifying competition of the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley. There were 10 entries.

BOGEY PAR POOL

There were 14 entries for the Bogey (Par) Pool over the New Course at Fanling during the week-end.

Hole-in-one At Deep Water Bay

G. W. Reeve, playing the third hole (185 yards) of the Deep Water Bay Course on Sunday, holed in one.

This was won by J. Linaker (17), one up. One card of two up was returned, but was disqualified.

G. M. Young Cup

In the semi-final of the G. M. Young Cup, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation beat Dowdell and Co. and will meet Butterfield and Swire in the final.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS DRAW

Following is the draw for the Colony chess championship:

January 16.—B. S. Litvin v. D. E. de Carvalho; L. Blair v. O. V. Praslov; K. Weiss v. V. Biriukoff; E. Zimmern v. V. Biriukoff; A. Kurrik v. Sir H. Pollock.

January 23.—O. V. Praslov v. B. S. Litvin; V. Biriukoff v. L. Blair; A. Y. Biriukoff v. K. Weiss; Sir H. Pollock v. E. Zimmern; K. M. A. Barnett v. A. Kurrik.

February 1.—B. S. Litvin v. V. Biriukoff; D. E. de Carvalho v. O. V. Praslov; L. Blair v. K. Weiss; Sir H. Pollock v. E. Zimmern; K. M. A. Barnett.

February 8.—A. Y. Biriukoff v. B. S. Litvin; V. Biriukoff v. D. E. de Carvalho; Sir H. Pollock v. K. Weiss; A. Kurrik v. E. Zimmern.

February 15.—B. S. Litvin v. Sir H. Pollock; D. E. de Carvalho v. A. Y. Biriukoff; O. V. Praslov v. V. Biriukoff; K. Weiss v. E. Zimmern; K. M. A. Barnett.

February 22.—K. M. A. Barnett v. B. S. Litvin; Sir H. Pollock v. D. E. de Carvalho; A. Y. Biriukoff v. O. V. Praslov; A. Kurrik v. V. Biriukoff; L. Blair v. E. Zimmern.

February 29.—B. S. Litvin v. A. Kurrik; D. E. de Carvalho v. K. M. A. Barnett; O. V. Praslov v. Sir H. Pollock; V. Biriukoff v. K. Weiss; L. Blair v. E. Zimmern.

March 14.—B. S. Litvin v. K. Weiss; D. E. de Carvalho v. E. Zimmern; O. V. Praslov v. A. Kurrik; V. Biriukoff v. Sir H. Pollock.

March 21.—Blair v. D. S. Litvin; K. Weiss v. D. E. de Carvalho; E. Zimmern v. A. Kurrik; V. Biriukoff v. L. Blair; Sir H. Pollock.

March 28.—D. E. de Carvalho v. L. Blair; O. V. Praslov v. K. Weiss; V. Biriukoff v. A. Kurrik; Sir H. Pollock v. K. M. A. Barnett.

SARAZEN CHALLENGES RYDER CUP TEAM

Selections Considered Non-Representative

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Gene Sarazen, who was not chosen for the American Ryder Cup team, which would have played England this winter but for the war, thinks the United States squad is "fine—on paper," but is afraid it looks better on paper than it would have in actual competition with the British team.

Cannot Use "Boy Friend As Caddie"

THE "BOY FRIEND CADDY" incident, which caused universal interest among Australian golfers, was brought to a close at the general meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union.

A letter from the English Union rescinding the decision of the New South Wales match committee, was read and accepted.

Some time ago a player in the semi-final of her club championship permitted a friend to caddy for her over the last few holes of the match, which she won on the last green.

A regulation of the Australian Union reads: "No competitor may employ other than a recognised caddy."

Much discussion took place, and the match committee gave a decision which did not meet with general approval—applied a rule of golf, and allowed the matter to stand.

INDEPENDENT RULE

THE incident was referred to England, and the following letter was received in reply:—

"The Emergency Committee of the English L.G.U. considers that the player in question should be disqualified. The Australian Union caddy rule is one to be used independently of the Royal and Ancient's Rules of Golf. They do not contradict or over-ride each other, but deal with separate sides of the game."

"The officials in charge of these events should deal with any infringement of this rule as soon as it comes to their knowledge whether received from an opponent or some other source."

Navy v. R.A.M.C. Rugger Sides

NAVY "A" will meet Royal Army Medical Corps in a rugby match at Causeway Bay today at 4.15 p.m. Navy will field two members of the Australian reservists, left centre-three and wing forward. Teams: Navy—Mid. Roe; R.A.M.C.—Mid. Taire, A. W. Other, Sub. Li, Kennedy, St. Gallagher, Mid. O'Riordan; L. S. A.

So Gene chose his own team, and challenged the official Ryder cup squad to a match for \$5,000. He chose himself captain, and included Craig Wood, Deane Shute, Johnny Revolta, Jimmy Thomson, "Light-horse" Harry Cooper, Tommy Armour, Dutch Harrison, Ed Dudley and Ben Hogan on his list.

"Sure," he said in an interview, "I know that Thomson, Cooper and Armour are not eligible for the Ryder team because they are foreign-born, but we'll pass that for now. I'm just picking a team of golfers who are established here, regardless of the place of birth."

"We'll play the official Ryder team."

The Official Team

Although, because of the war, there will be no Anglo-American Ryder Cup golf matches this year, the Professional Golfers Association have named an American team, for the purpose of recognising those players who would have faced the British team had the matches not been cancelled.

The ten Americans named were: Byron Nelson, U.S. Open champion; Ralph Guldahl; Vic Ghezzi; Jimmy Hines; Harold McGspaden; Dick Metz; Horton Smith; Henry Picard; Paul Runyan; Sam Snead; and Walter Hagen, captain (non-playing).

with the full ten men instead of the eight used in the actual contest," he added.

NOTABLE OMISSIONS

"SURE," continued Gene, "they'll say I'm disgruntled because I wasn't chosen. But leaving me out of it, why weren't men like Wood and Shute chosen? Didn't they tie for the National Open title, and lose in the playoff? It's the first time since the matches were started that I've been left out, and I had one of my best years from points standpoint. I have played in every match, never sat on the bench once. I'm the only one who ever did that."

He added that Fred Corcoran, the P.G.A. tournament manager, had said that he had already had his fill of two or three southern places for a match between the Ryder Cup team and some other group of players. "I'd like to see my team play against it," he said.

Palmer, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Ldg. Sig. Inglis; A. B. Jeffery, A. B. Longmair; A. N. Oiler; C. Wtr. King; Fay. Sub. L. Sumner.

R.A.M.C.—Pte. Morgan; Pte. McDonald; Cpl. Hanlon; Pte. Wigglesworth; Pte. Milner; Pte. Whybys; Cpl. Edgar; Cpl. Van Millingen; Cpl. Chandler; Pte. Purcell; Pte. Bishop; Capt. Curran; Pte. Mohan; Pte. Mackay; Pte. Minney.

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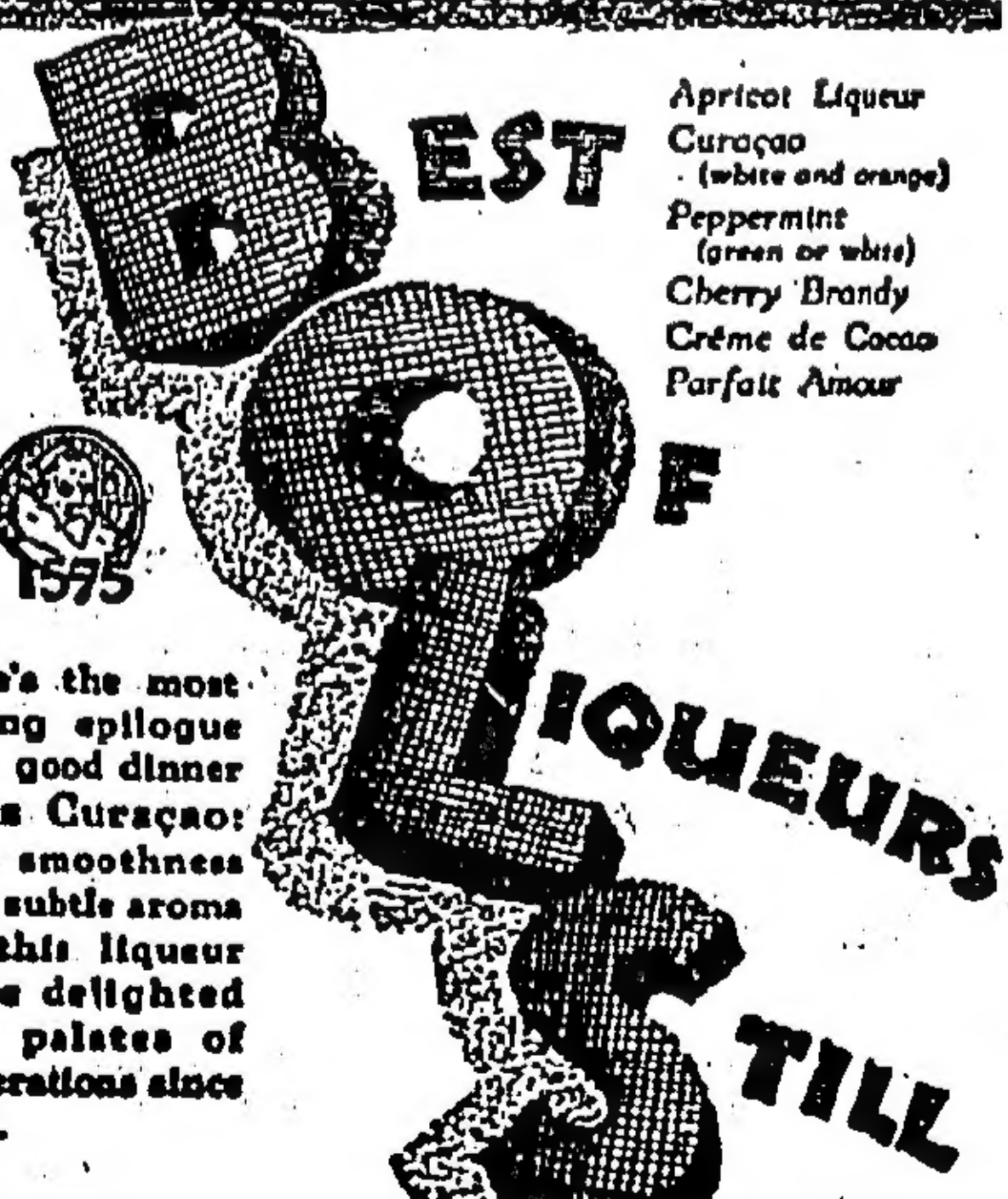
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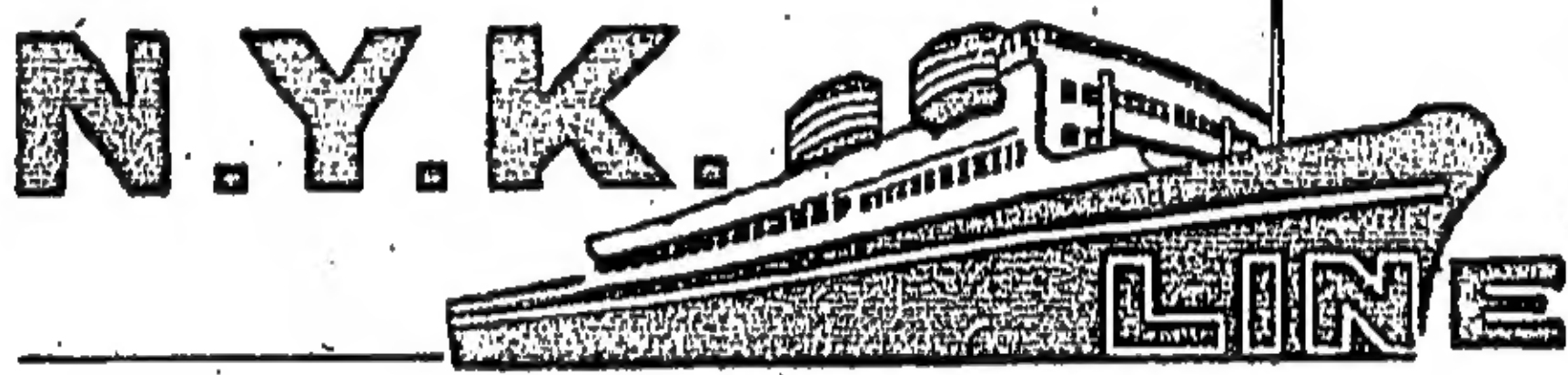
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OBJECTORS "SAFE IN THE R.A.M.C."

Red Claims Brought Home To Britain

THE Soviet demands on Finland expressed in terms of what
the demands would have meant to Great Britain are set out in
a statement based on documents published by the Finnish
Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which was issued in London
recently.

This is what it
meant to Finland



If the proposals were being
made to the Government of
Great Britain by a neighbouring
Power some forty times stronger
they would, said the statement,
be as follows:—

1. Britain must cede the Isle of
Wight to the foreign Power.
2. The Channel Islands must be for-
feited by the foreign Power.
3. Britain must hand over the port
of Southampton as a naval and
air base for the foreign Power.
4. Britain must hand over the Ork-
ney Islands to be fortified by the
foreign Power so that it will have
complete control of Scapa Flow
and the ports of Scotland.
5. Britain must destroy most of her
defences, leaving in their place
soldiers with rifles.
6. Britain must cede, to the foreign
Power an area on the coast of
Norfolk extending fifty miles in-
land.

As compensation the neighbouring
Power would be willing to cede to
Britain some hundreds of square
miles of barren land of no strategic or
economic importance.

The actual demands put to Finland
were published on December 12 and
are shown in the adjoining map.
The Finns refused because to have
accepted such proposals would have
meant sacrificing the integrity and
independence of their country.

R.A.F.'s Aces Will Be "Triplets"

By RONALD WALKER

FRANCE.—The flying aces of
this war are going to be triplets.
During the last war men like
Mannock, Ball and McCudden
became famous as their score of
victories rose.

In the dog fights which took place
over the line between German and
Allied machines individual reputa-
tions were made.
During this war the pilots who
shoot down the Germans will be
grouped in threes.

Attacks in Threes

This is the reason: The fighter
jays—go-out hunting—the fighters—
of three machines. They scout in threes
and attack in threes. If a German
machine is attacked goes down it is
impossible to decide which of the
three fighters actually accounted for
the enemy.

More Shows Wanted

Why is E.N.S.A. falling down on
its job of providing concerts for the
troops? Thousands of R.A.F. men
would like to know the answer to
that question.
Last night 2,000 of them crowded
into a hall that normally holds about
half that number to hear the Sey-
mour Hicks touring party give them
their first British entertainment since
they go home.

The performance, which included
Chloe Luce, Dorothy Ward, Bertha
Wilmot and Lance Fairfax, went off
with a bang. In the street outside
hundreds of unhappy airmen listened
wistfully to the burst of song and
shouts of applause which came
through the doors.

The R.A.F. men are hungry for
entertainment. They do not want
elaborate shows. They want mainly
people who can sing to them and play
to them and get them singing
together. And they want to see
pretty girls dancing.

GOT CHANCE BY AN ERROR

London.

The medical profession is chuck-
ling over a comedy of errors which
has given a young doctor his chance.

When, before the war, plans were
made to transfer patients to the coun-
try, a well-known West End child-
ren's specialist was named to take
charge of a children's department 30
miles from London.

The outbreak of war found him in
the Far East. But while he was
returning a Ministry of Health letter
was sent to a younger doctor of
the same name and with the same
initial. He wrote to the Ministry
expressing surprise, but as he was
told this was his post, he gave up
his London position and left for the
country.

When the mistake was discovered
messages flashed between Whitehall
and the "big man" who should have
had the post, but the young doctor
is said to be making a good job of it
and his appointment has been regu-
larised.

OUR FIRST WOMAN "OVER THERE" IS MOTHER OF TWO

By O. D. GALLAGHER

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

SHE is the only woman "Tommy" with the B.E.F. in
France. And, believe it or not, she served in the last war
behind the lines, and—a bigger one this time—she is the
mother of two grown-up children.

Because of a combined B.E.F. and
R.A.F. decision that no one in either
Service out here gets any personal
publicity, I can't tell you her name.
Nor may you see her photograph,
for the same reason. All I'm allow-
ed to tell you about this charming,
intelligent woman, who no doubt is
the envy of the whole A.T.S., is that
she is rich and well known, that her
husband (who is over military age)
is in a key war job at home.

When I heard she was in France,
I motored well over 300 miles to see
her. All I knew was the name of the
town where she is stationed. As it
happens that was enough.

The first man I asked where she
was said: "Oh, Captain Mrs. So-
and-So! She's at the What's It
Hotel."

They all call her Captain Mrs. So-
and-So, although she is correctly
called Company Commander So-
and-So. Her job alone with the
British Army? She is in charge of
200 French girls who are helping to
disguise the B.E.F. by making nets
that you've seen recently in news-
reels draped over guns.

SHE was enrolled (not enlisted, as
a man, who then takes the oath of
allegiance) in the A.T.S. soon after
it was formed. Five weeks ago she
was ordered to "proceed overseas,"
as they say in Whitehall. That was
France.

What an unusual scene there was
at the big house where she lives in
Buckingham. A grown-up son kissed
her good-bye. Wished his mother
the best of luck at the Front, and
went to the office.

As a wife she said good-bye
again. Both she and her husband
were over here last time. Now,
twenty-one years later, she sets off
again, leaving her husband, doing
important work at home.

She was decorated with the
C.B.E. for her war work. No
military decorations, because she
worked as a civilian when she
helped Britain fight the last war.
She was twenty-one years younger
then.

"Probably because I speak French
and German fluently, I began leav-
ing them both when I was seven. My
mother had an obsession for teach-
ing children languages."

Some one told me she was picked
out of the thousands for her out-
standing ability to organise. What-
ever it was, she certainly has a clear
personality and is nothing like those
heavily-built, forbidding women who
wear glaucous shoes you some-
times see in cartoons. Her smile is
friendly and her eyes are blue and
frank looking. I think she is a
grand woman.

When she got this job, she knew
as little about camouflaging an army
as you'd expect from any mother.
She studied under a colonel who is
Britain's ace camouflage expert out
here, and you should hear her now.

Every one tries to mother this
Tommy-another, but she is not having
any. After five weeks here she
says: "What I like about Army life
is the comradeship."

"They're wonderful creatures, men,
when you get them altogether on a
big job like this. Awful babies
sometimes, too. I think she had
in mind that permission to go to the
Front which she can't get."

HER arrival in uniform in France
caused a stir. A British battle-dress
Tommy told me: "When I saw her
first time—a woman in khaki—I
nearly fell over." He managed a
salute, which was coolly returned.

The French turn and stare at her
in the streets. She is almost as big
a riot here as Tyrone Power was in
London, when he was hunted round
the town by fans just before the
war.

Now that we've got a woman in
the British camouflaging business, I
think we'll see something new in
women's fashions.

Student Commutes by Plane

KENT.—Galen Edward Elser, a
graduate music student in Kent State
University, flies his own monoplane
every day from Youngstown to Kent
to attend classes—a total of 2,500
commuting miles every year.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1890.
The Royal Geographical Society is
preparing to give Stanley a royal wel-
come upon his arrival. Elaborate
preparations are being made for a re-
ception at Albert Hall, also for a grand
banquet when the explorer will be pre-
sented with a massive medal, com-
memorative of his services, similar to
the medal presented by the society to
Emil Pascha. A number of medals will
be struck for presentation to the
principal members of the two parties
that followed Stanley and Emin on the
march to Bangweyo.

The Czar of Russia proposes to be
crowned King of Poland at Warsaw in
the fall.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1915.
The French Ambassador has com-
municated a Memorandum on the won-
derful bombardment by the Germans of
Reims Cathedral. The document al-
leges that the French had used the
Cathedral for military purposes and
consequently destroyed. On the contrary
the French had hoisted the Red Cross
flag and established a hospital there.

It is further maintained that the
Germans, with the help of the French
troops, used the towers of the Cathedral
for purposes of observation and, upon
their evacuation, subjected the
Cathedral to a murderous and delib-
erate bombardment. General von Ma-
sarin in "Der Tag" admits the truth of
the French allegations and condemns
the German military designs.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1930.
An interesting development in con-
nection with the French movement
to withdraw from the League of Na-
tions, taking place in
Kowloon, where a Scottish Troop of
this well-known organisation is in pro-
cess of being formed.

To the Editor, Sir.—While appre-
ciating the efforts of the Broadcasting
Committee to provide us with better
programmes, I think the Committee
might give its consideration to other
uses of broadcasting besides music and
occasional talks. Yours, etc.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1935.
It is officially announced that the
famous Russian politician Zinoviev, and
his political ally, in Opposition
Kamenev, had been turned over to the
Military Collegium of the Supreme
Court. They are charged with partici-
pating in a terrorist conspiracy con-
ducted by the "Moscow Centre," an organ-
isation similar to the "Leningrad Centre,"
and dangerously antagonistic to the
Administration.

Delicious enthusiasm has seized every
inhabitant of the Sun capital city to-
night. Enormous crowds are pouring
into the streets, waving flags and
brilliantly lighted, and cheered franti-
cally and continuously. A procession
miles in length passes through the
main streets during the evening, thou-
sands of men, women and children
holding aloft red Chinese lanterns. A
score or more bands, in brilliant
groups of musicians with stringed or
brass instruments, concertinas or bugles
played patriotic and military marches
while the procession passed through
the ranks of the cheering populace.
In cafes and restaurants the German
National Anthem, Hurstweisel song and
popular Sun airs, were sung by chairs
of boys and girls. Everywhere was a
continuous roar of "Heils" for the
Fuehrer Hitler.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Girls on Probation" (Majestic): A
fast-moving film. Exciting series of
brushes between criminals and the law
are the backbone for this tale of a
girl who was sent to jail for a crime
she never committed and hounded after
her release on probation. With Jane
Bryon, Ronald Reagan, Anthony Aversil,
Shells Bromley and Henry O'Neill.

"The Ghost Goes West" (Oriental):
A popular "Old Favourite" returns to
the Oriental. Starring Robert Donat,
Jean Parker, and Eugene Pallette the
film deals with the adventures of an
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ing Scotland, buys an old castle which
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the Goods have left the Godowns,
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after the 15th January, 1940, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 2nd February,
1940, or they will not be recognized.
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ed Warehouse Regulations consignees
must have a Revenue Officer in
attendance when damaged dutiable
goods are examined.

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Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
15th January, 1940, at 10 a.m., by
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tained immediately after landing.

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on or before 17th January, 1940, or
they will not be recognized.

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ined by the Company's Surveyor
Messrs.—Goldard and Douglas in the
presence of the Consignee at 10.00
a.m. on Saturday, 13th January, 1940.
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Officer in attendance when any
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Agent.



EAT YOUR BUN

Varying the Flavour
of Family—
Favourites

By
Mrs.
BARDELL

WHEREVER there are children in the home there should be a bun tin in the pantry. When all is said and done, the youngsters, from toddler to teens, prefer the homely, wholesome buns that mother makes to overwrought sickly pastries.

I find that the surest way to a schoolboy's heart is to pack him off to school or play with a couple of rock cakes that he can get a satisfactory bite from in his pocket.

An empty biscuit tin is an excellent place to keep your family buns in, for you can make a large batch, say, three or four dozen, in one baking, and they'll keep moist and fresh if the lid is fixed on tightly.

Now for some easy-to-make favourites, which will go down well with the family.

Spley Mixture

Rock cakes with a spley flavour are much appreciated.

Ingredients: 1 heaped breakfast-cupful flour, 1 egg and ½ breakfast-cupful brown sugar, 1 heaped dessertspoon, picked sultanas, pinch salt and grated nutmeg, ½ teasp. baking powder, 1 tablesp. butter, 1 dessertsp. chopped candied peel, 1 heaped des-

sertsp. picked currants, 1 tablesp. each ground all-spice, ginger and mace. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and spices into a basin. Rub in butter or margarine. Stir in sugar, chopped peel, washed and dried currants, and sultanas. Mix to a soft dough with beaten egg, and milk as required.

Fork out in rough heaps on buttered tin and bake in a quick oven till firm and brown. Turn on to a cake rack to cool.

Vanilla Drops

Quickly made and delicious in flavour.

Ingredients: 10oz. flour, ½ lb. sugar, 2 tablesp. milk, 1 teasp. baking powder, few drops vanilla, ¼ lb. butter, 2 eggs (or one egg and extra milk). Cream butter and sugar, beat eggs well. Sift flour and baking powder together. Then add flour and egg and milk alternately to butter and sugar. Flour with a few drops of vanilla.

Drop teasp. of dough, well apart, on a buttered baking tin. Sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake ten minutes in a quick oven.

Old-Fashioned Carraway

These little buns are made in the same way as the raspberry buns given on this page, but ½ oz. carraway seeds are stirred into the mixture before it is formed into rolls, and the raspberry jam is, of course, omitted.

Good to eat and very nourishing. Ingredients: 1½ cupfuls self-raising flour (add 2 teasp. baking powder if plain flour is used), 1 cupful sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cupful chopped dates, ¼ teasp. grated nutmeg, 1-3rd. cupful butter, ½ teasp. ground ginger, ½ cupful milk, ¼ teasp. ground cloves. Cream butter and sugar. Sift flour, baking powder if used, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves into a basin. Beat eggs well. Add flour and eggs alternately to butter and sugar.

Sift in milk and dates and mix well. Three-quarter fill greased bun tin with mixture.

Bake in a moderate oven about twenty minutes. Cool on a cake rack. Top with sliced dates, if liked.

Raspberry Favourite

Economical, but considered a treat by small folk. They're good made with dripping, but you can use other fats if liked.

Roll 2oz. fat into ¼ lb. self-raising flour, add 2oz. sugar with a pinch of salt, and milk to make a stiffish mixture.

Divide into buns and place on a greased baking sheet. Make a hole

with a skewer into the top of each, drop in a little raspberry jam, close over again to keep the jam in, and bake in a quick oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Rice is Nice

Satisfying and wholesome for schoolchildren are rice buns. Ingredients: 2oz. self-raising flour, 2oz. ground rice, 2oz. butter or margarine, few drops of vanilla essence, 2 eggs, 3oz. caster sugar.

Cream butter and sugar together, add the eggs gradually (or one egg and 1 tablesp. of vinegar) with a little of the sieved flour and beat well.

Add the rest of the flour mixed with the ground rice, stir in the vanilla essence, then put the mixture into greased bun tins, and bake in a quick oven for ten to fifteen minutes.

Fruit and Nuts

They all like these mixed fruit buns, especially if a spoonful of chopped nuts are stirred in as a surprise.

Ingredients: 4oz. butter, 4oz. sugar, 2 eggs (or one egg and a tablespoonful of vinegar), 1 tablesp. each of washed and dried currants, picked sultanas and shredded lemon candied peel, a few chopped nuts, 6oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 1 teasp. of baking powder, a little milk if required.

Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs gradually with a little of the sieved flour. Mix the prepared fruits and chopped nuts with the rest of the flour, etc., and add to the mixture. A little milk may be added if necessary.

SHORT CUTS.

Cheese may be cut into very thin slices without the cheese sticking to the knife by holding a piece of waxed paper over the knife while cutting.

Instead of taking the time to shell peas, a busy cook may throw pods and all into boiling water. When cooked, the pods will rise to the surface while the peas will stay at the bottom of the kettle.



The wide corset girdle of the yellow-beige woolen jersey dress shown is bright red, and there is a narrow brown belt worn over it. The little felt bumpers on the sides are also of beige, with red ribbon bows.

Cheese Dusties

It is a curious sidelight on modern trends that, now when the necessity arises, we are rediscovering the virtues of foods that have sustained our forefathers for centuries.

Cheese is a food our forefathers ate a great deal of, and wisely too, for it is a concentrated food and the goodness and flavour that can be brought out of it by simple preparation is amazing.

Here are a few dishes suitable for lunch or a substantial supper—

Cheese Pudding

Take six to eight slices bread and butter, one pint milk, three ozs grated cheese, a little mace mustard, pinch all-spice, and one egg.

Cut the slices of bread into squares. Arrange them in a buttered pie-dish with sprinklings of cheese in between, leaving a little of the cheese for top.

Beat the egg, add the salt, pepper, and all-spice, and stir well. Pour this mixture over the bread, sprinkle little cheese on top. Bake in a very moderate oven till the custard is very lightly set and the top brown.

An Economical Rarebit

Melt one oz. margarine in pan, add four ozs. grated cheese, and allow to dissolve slowly. Blend half an oz. flour with four tablesp. vinegar, then stir into cheese mixture. Cook two to three minutes, stirring constantly, then add one tablespoonful mashed potato. Heat well, then pour on to squares of buttered toast, and brown for a few seconds under a hot grill.

Cheese and Tomato Pie

This is very tasty with cold meat or sausages, or makes an excellent accompaniment to baked cod.

Choose firm tomatoes, and cut three-quarters of a lb into slices. Butter a pie-dish, and prepare six tablesp. breadcrumbs, and grate six ozs. cheese. Sprinkle a layer of breadcrumbs and cheese in bottom of dish, then a layer of sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle with a little pepper and all-spice, then add another layer breadcrumbs and cheese.

Continue till dish is full, arranging to have a good sprinkling of cheese on top. Cook in a moderate oven for about 30 minutes. If serving this dish alone, decorate with sippets of toast.

Cheese and Potato Casserole

Peel and slice one lb potatoes and two onions. Parly cook (about 10 minutes) in boiling water, then strain off liquid. Grate three ozs. cheese. Butter a pie-dish, put in layers of parly cooked potatoes and onions. Sprinkle with powdered mace, pepper, and grated cheese.

Arrange for the top layer to be of potatoes, and sprinkle over a little cheese. Cover with one pint milk or half milk and some of the liquid vegetables were boiled in. Put a lid on dish or make a "cap" of greased paper, and bake slowly for one hour. Just before serving, take off lid and brown the top.

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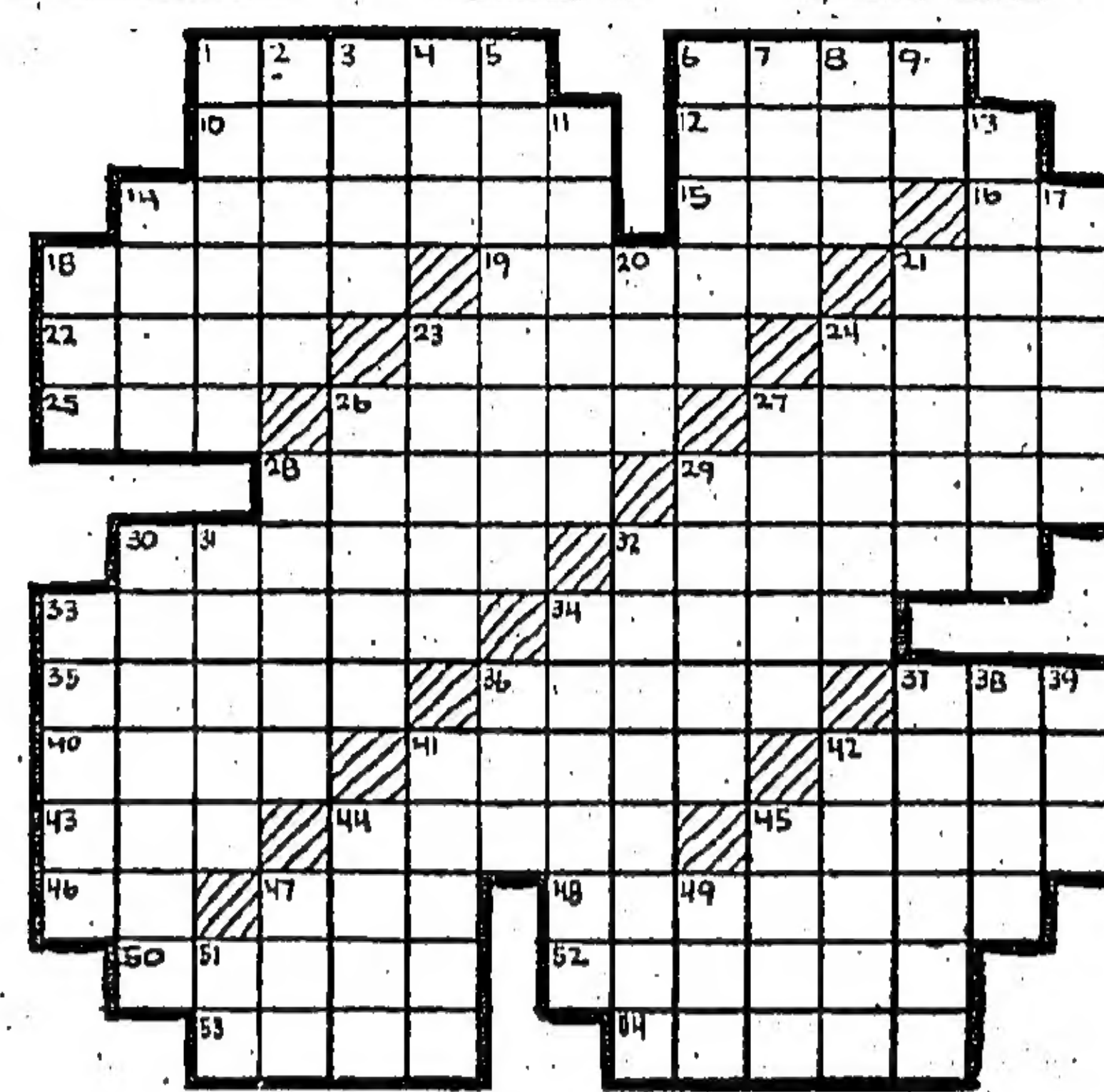
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ACROSS

1—Wheat
2—Avoid
3—Little boy (Scottish)
4—Fruit
5—Old's name
6—Beams
7—Liquor
8—Frighten
9—Liquor
10—Fruit
11—Most important
12—Season
13—Affirmative
14—One who names
15—Wigwag
16—Up-to-date
17—Unpolished
18—Liquor
19—More sensible
20—Hurdled
21—Obvious
22—South African hill
23—Persons
24—Liquor
25—Anger
26—Edwards
27—Valley
28—Liquor
29—Compass point
30—Put in background
31—Ordnance tool
32—Chinese food plant

DOWN

1—List for nomination
2—Allowance for container
3—Gambling table
4—Excitement
5—Cheaply decorated
6—Hypnotic
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8—Vase
9—Dish
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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You doctors hold your conference elsewhere—the patient needs air!"

LONDON FINN'S DASH TO FIND WIFE IN FINLAND

ONE of the 30 Finns left in London, Mr. Laurin Zilliacus, has set out from his home in Albany Street, N. W., carrying a sealed box full of confidential papers. He will try to reach the Finnish Foreign Office in Helsinki, acting as courier for the Finnish Legation in London.

On the eve of his adventure Mr. Zilliacus, who is 44, and former headmaster of a famous Helsinki school, told a reporter: "I do not know how or when I shall reach the capital. From Stockholm I may have to make the 30-hour train journey to the North of Sweden and then catch a Finnish train to Helsinki."

Mr. Zilliacus resigned his headmastership early in September to try to join the British Army because he wanted to fight the Nazis. He reached England four hours before war was declared on Germany.

"Now I want to fight the Bolsheviks," he said.

Several other Finns left London by air recently to serve their country. Before we went to war there were 300 Finns in England. Most of the 30 left are connected with the Finnish Legation staff.

Serum By Air

It was a busy day at the Legation for Mr. Zilliacus, the Finnish Minister in London, and his English-born wife.

M. Gripenberg received callers and sympathisers, and waited anxiously for news of the Russian invasion. Mme. Gripenberg has lost no time in giving assistance to the sick and wounded of her adopted country. She sent an aeroplane to Finland loaded with anti-tetanus serum, morphine, cyanide, pneumonia serum, and other drugs. It arrived safely. The British Red Cross acted as buyers and conveyors on her behalf.

TIENTSIN AMERICANS Herman Young New Head Of Chamber of Commerce

Tientsin, Jan. 15. At the annual general meeting held during the week-end, the American Chamber of Commerce unanimously re-elected Mr. Herman Young as President for a third term. Other officers elected were Mr. W. P. Colman, first Vice-President, Mr. A. G. Muldoon, second Vice-President, Mr. E. W. Torrey, Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Hayes, Secretary, and Messrs. R. T. Evans, D. D. Mackay, W. A. Gherard, and H. A. Luckert. Honorary members of the Executive Committee.—United Press.

Cabbage Novelties

THIS is a good dish to serve on meatless days. Take a medium-sized cabbage, 1 tablesp. margarine or dripping, 1 onion, 2 tablesp. water, 1 teasp. rice, pepper and salt.

Heat the fat in casserole, add the finely chopped onion, and cook gently for a few minutes. Have the cabbage soaked, washed, and shredded. Add it to the casserole with a teasp. of water and the seasonings. Put on the lid, and simmer over gentle heat on an asbestos mat for 10-15 minutes.

Now add the washed rice and mix it in well. Then add the rest of the water. Continue simmering from 20-30 minutes, till rice soft, and cabbage tender.

Cabbage Rolls

This is an excellent way to use up "left-overs," so that they come to table in appetising guise. Take 3 teacups mixed cooked meat, 1 teasp. cooked rice, salt and pepper, cabbage leaves, ½ pint tomato sauce.

Mix the meat and rice together and season well. Scald the cabbage leaves in boiling water, leave them for 2-3 minutes, then drain well. Put 2 tablesp. of the mixture on each leaf and fold over in half.

Place in a well greased casserole, pour the tomato sauce round, and bake with the lid on for about 1 hour in a moderate oven. Serve with baked or mashed potatoes.

The rolls can be baked entirely in a little margarine, or if preferred, a little water and meat extract can be mixed and used instead of the tomato sauce.

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HOME HINTS

Too much flour makes a dry, bread cake. Pastry flour makes a more tender cake than does bread flour.

Did you know that sweet potatoes can be used as a vegetable, as a filling for pie, or fried like a dessert similar to fried bananas?

String beans will cook in about half the time if cut lengthwise instead of being broken in two.

Before fish is placed in the refrigerator, it should always be wrapped in waxed paper to prevent tainting other foods.

To fix candlesticks firmly in place, heat the candle socket thoroughly with hot water and firmly press in the candle. This is better than filling the socket with melted wax.



What's new in suits is shown here by the Nylon sisters, pop uls-r trio of songsters. Kate, left, wears a collarless, form-fitting green suit, while Evelyn, centre, favours a lumber jacket style. Margo's is in royal blue with fitted jacket. All wear tucked-in scarves over their heads.

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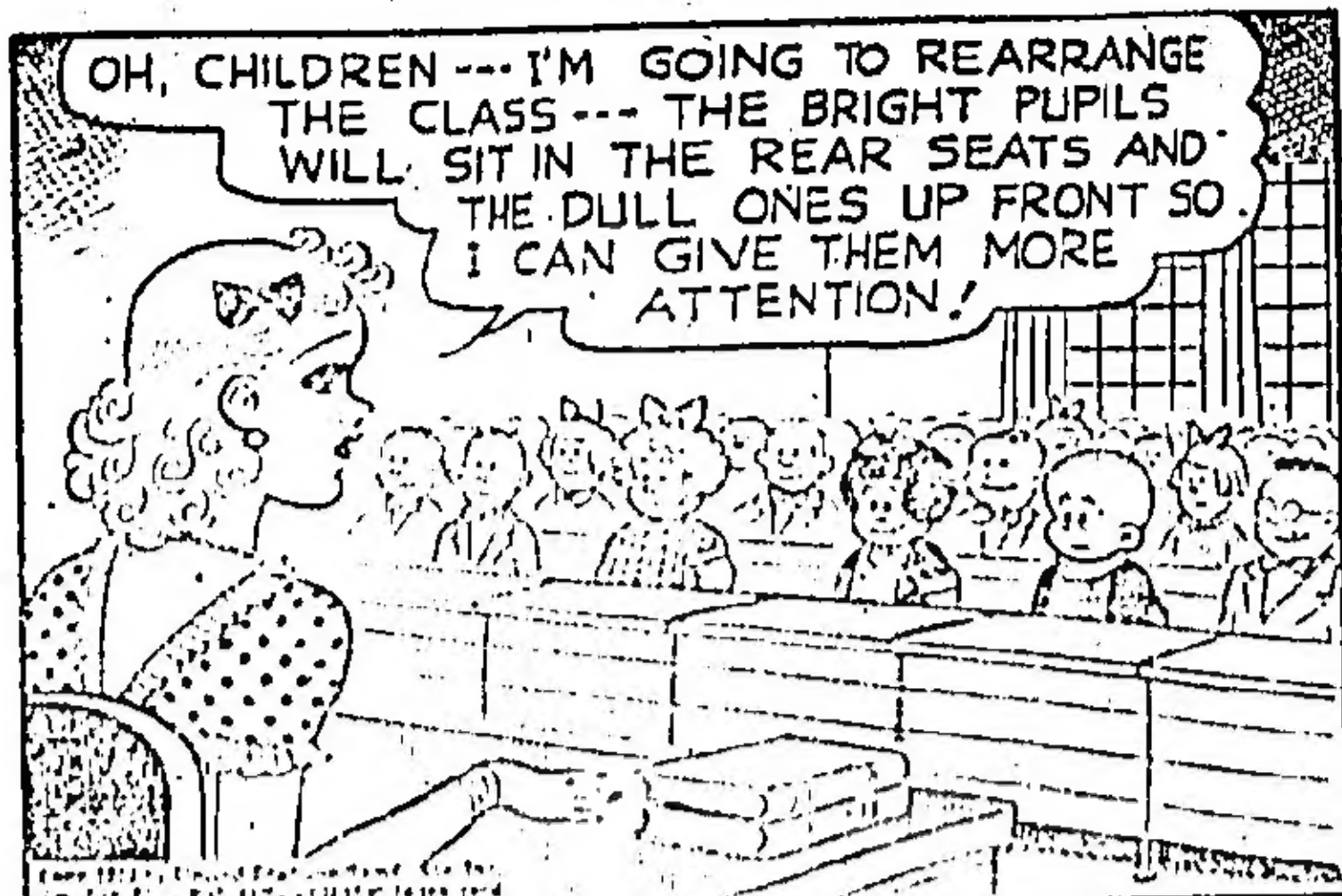
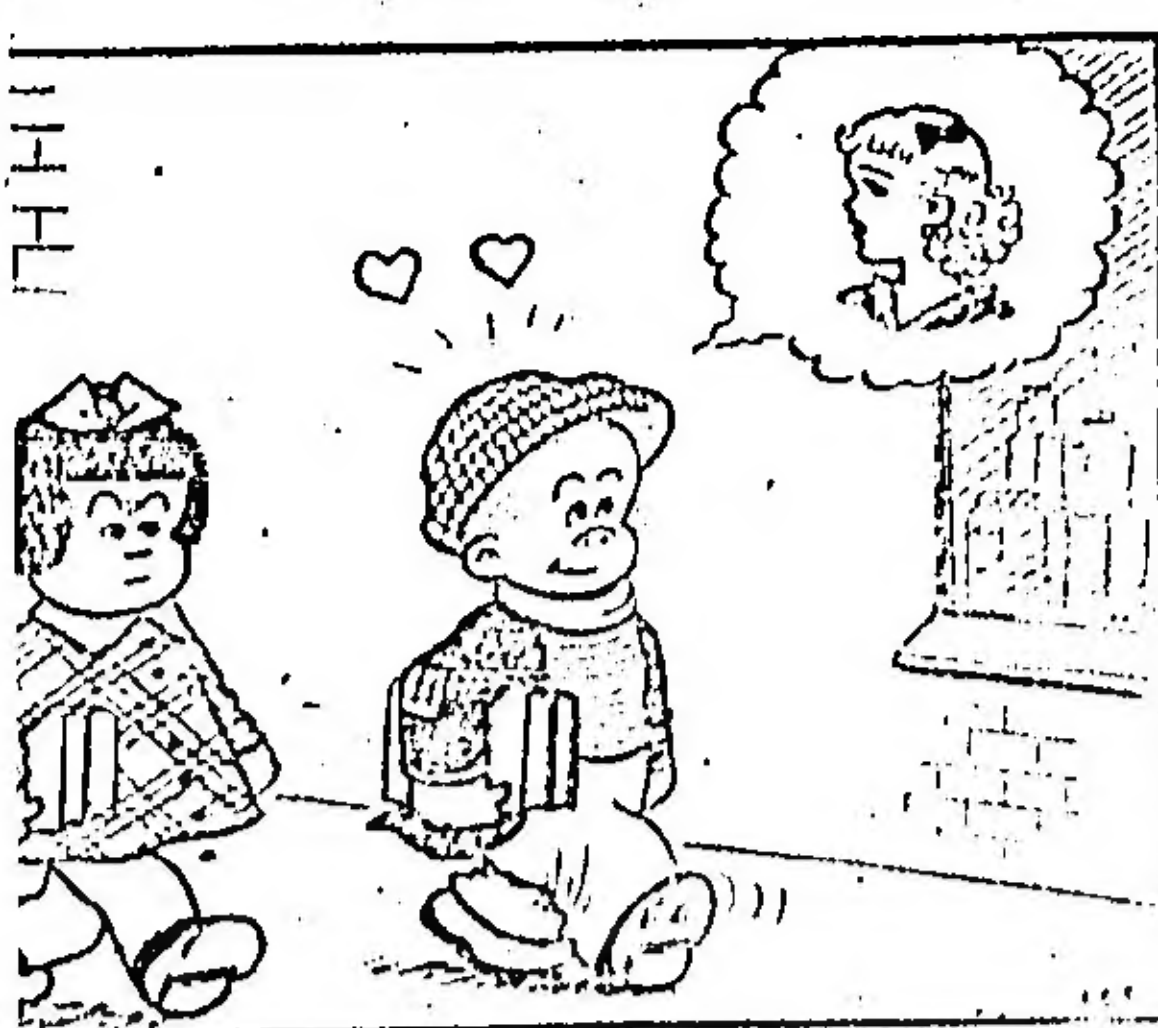
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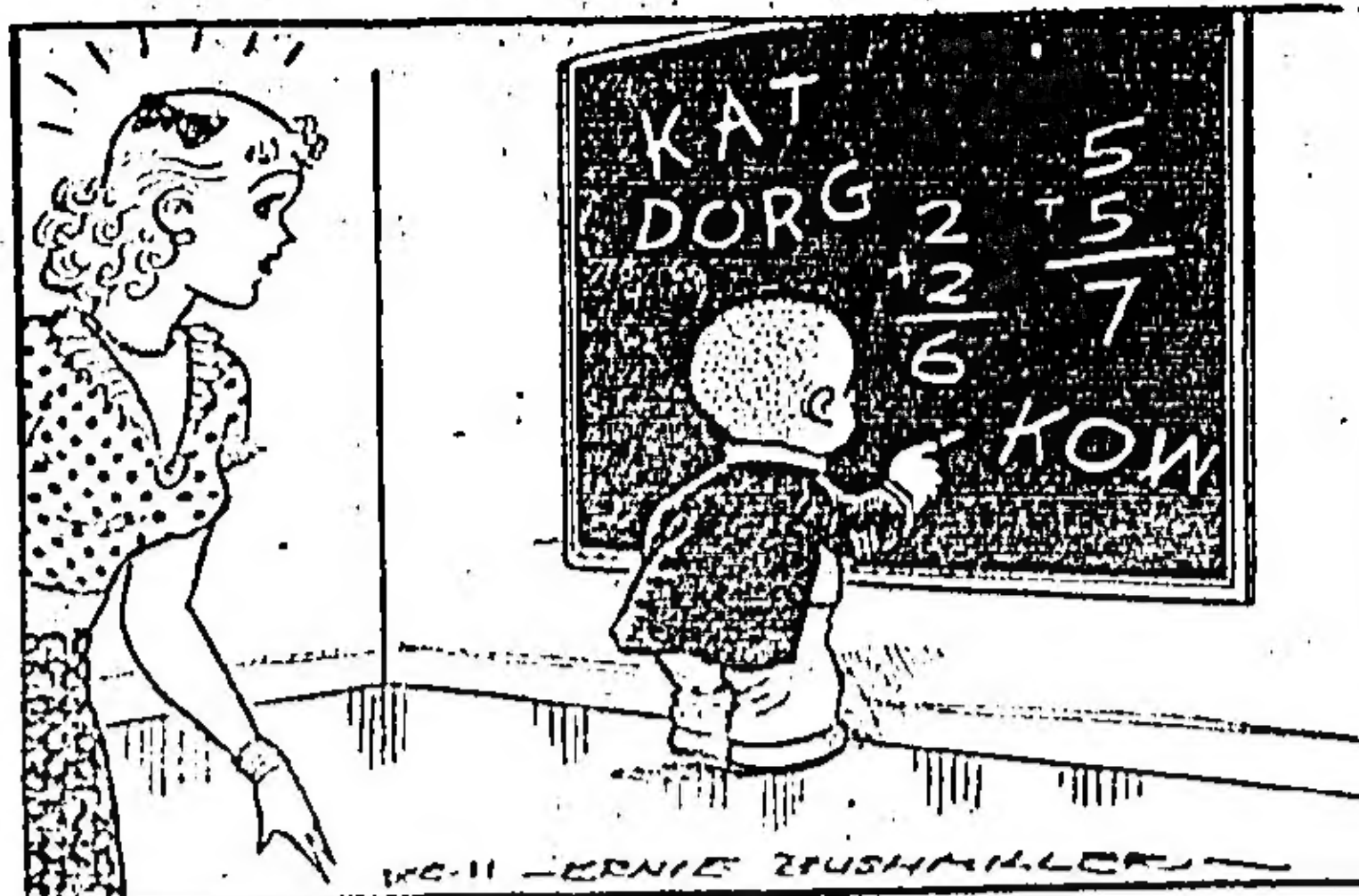
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"CHIPS"

"Really?" asked Kathie. "Do you think we'll beat Sedbury, Martin?"

"We ought to—"

"The Sedbugs are funks anyway," cut in another boy.

"The what?" asked Kathie puzzled.

"Sedbugs—that's our name for them."

"I see. And what do they call you? The Brookfens?" after the roar of laughter that met her sally had died down, she continued: "Well, if you win the match, Mr. Chipping and I must give you a feast of victory." The boys enjoyed themselves so much that they stayed until Chips had to send them away so they wouldn't be late for chapel.

"What a nice lot they are," remarked Kathie, after the last boy had gone.

"They certainly are when you get to know them. Like this, though what authority I shall have in class after these orgies—"

"Ten times more," said Kathie, "because they'll look upon you as a friend."

"What a revolutionary you are."

She brushed the tobacco from his coat. "Try one of these jokes you've always kept hidden away—and see what happens."

"No, Kathie," he cried in mock alarm. "There's a limit even to revolutions!"

BUT in the Latin class next day, as he stood before the blackboard upon which he had printed in large letters, LEX CANULEIA, something strange and new came over him.

"Er—hello, Chipping," greeted Masters. "How are you? Congratulations... Yes."

"Er—thank you," murmured Chips. "My wife would so like to meet you. May I bring her in? We'll only stay a moment." He turned in the doorway to call: "Come in, Kathie."

She entered, looking most radiant and beautiful. She was a vision as she stood there, at Chip's side, smiling at the masters who stiffened as though to "Attention!" at drill, and stared.

"Er—these are my colleagues, my dear. Mr. Raven."

Raven bowed, a fixed, blank smile on his face.

"Mr. Murdock, Mr. Porter-Watson—"

There was an incredulous, baffled expression in Porter-Watson's eyes.

"Mr. Hildersley, Mr. McCulloch," continued Chips' voice.

KATHIE made a general bow in smiling acknowledgment of the introductions. "It's so nice to meet you—just a little terrifying."

"Won't... won't you sit down?" gulped Porter-Watson. And at this invitation the spell that had held them silent and amazed was broken; they all rushed to fetch a chair for her.

"I'm afraid I oughtn't to break into a private room," said Kathie.

"Not at all." "It isn't at all private—certainly not!" chorused a number of voices.

"Why, Chips told me it was terribly private!"

"Chips?" muttered Hildersley vaguely.

"My dear, I told you not to," said Chips, very much embarrassed. He explained: "It's just—er—a sort of nickname she's given me."

Murdock sprang to his feet and slapped Chips heartily on the back. "Chips! Why didn't we think of that? You must stay and have tea with us, Mrs. Chips."

"Oh, I don't think we—"

"Oh, you must." "Of course." "Couldn't think of your leaving without tea." "Here comes Jenks with it now." The various masters all spoke at the same time.

SYNOPSIS

Chipping, the shy master at Brookfield School is bachelor for 20 years and one of the masters most disliked by the boys of the school. Returning from the summer vacation which he spent on a walking tour in the Tyrol with a fellow instructor, Max Stacel, Chips is bringing back a bride. The masters are dismayed, for Max has told them Chipping is bringing his wife to the common room to introduce her to them. Stacel slyly hints that Mrs. Chipping is elderly and red-nosed, but asks them to be kind to her for Chipping's sake.

"Well, then, I'd better pour it, hadn't I?"

They gathered about her. Relieving her of her handbag, another of her capes, a third of her gloves, and then they drew up their chair about the table.

"We'll want some more cups," said Hildersley.

"McCulloch doesn't drink tea," Mrs. Chipping, said Raven, trying to edge his chair closer by pushing McCulloch's away.

"Don't talk nonsense!" cried McCulloch indignantly. "Of course I do—very frequently!" He got the first cup, and took it defiantly. The others offered plates of tea biscuits and little cakes to Kathie.

THE news of Chipping's wedding had spread something of wonder and consternation among the pupils.

While Chips and Kathie were having tea with the masters, a dozen or more boys had gathered in the corridor just outside the instructors' common room.

One of them was peeping through the keyhole, with half a dozen grouped back of him.

"Can you see her?" asked one boy.

"Is she old?"

"Shut up you fools! They'll hear us!"

"I can't see a thing if you keep shoving me!" complained the peeper.

"Who's shoving? What's she like?"

"She doesn't look much older than some of us," said the boy at the keyhole. "My eye! She calls him Chips!"

"Chips! What a rum name! What are they doing?"

The peeper continued. "She's made him buy a new hat and have his hair cut!"

"Poor old Chipping! It will kill him!"

"Quiet! Get back! They come out!"

The boys straightened up and "froze" their faces into expressions of painfully elaborate eagerness, as the door opened and Chips ushered Kathie out, while the masters inside called further goodbyes, and asked her please to come again.

IT was quite evident to Chips what the boys in the corridor had been up to, and the look he gave them was none too friendly.

One boy raised his hat, with an "er—hello, sir." The other boys doffed their caps.

Chips, with a small, sheepish smile, grasped Kathie's arm to lead her away, but she stopped and smiled at the boys.

"Good evening! Are these some of your boys, dear?"

"Er—yes. Martin, Winthrop, Brown and—er—the rest of you—this is Mrs. Chipping."

"I hope we are going to meet again," Kathie smiled at them. "Indeed I know we are. Mr. Chipping wants to have a tea party for his boys every Sunday."

"Er—what's that?" asked Chips, hearing of his desire for the first time, but Kathie spoke quickly through his undertone: "I think it would be nice if you boys started the ball rolling by coming next Sunday."

"Oh thank you! We'll be glad to!" cried the boys delightedly.

"You said four o'clock, didn't you?" Kathie asked Chips.

"Er—yes, four o'clock."

"Four o'clock then?" said Kathie, giving the boys her most radiant smile. "We shall look forward to it. Good night." She tucked her arm into Chips' and they walked away amid the astonished and delighted good nights of the boys.

"Not bad, eh?" remarked one of the taller boys.

"She's pretty," said another.

"Pretty, you ass! She's wonderful!"

THAT first Sunday tea party for Chips' pupils was a great success.

Chips sat in his chair by the fire, smoking his pipe, and watching with amused pride Kathie's way with the boys.

"Have another crumpet, Martin," she said to a tall, healthy looking lad. "You've hardly eaten anything."

"I'm in training, Mrs. Chipping."

"Martin is one of our best footballers," explained Chips.

"He ought to get his colours this term."

The Police Reserve

Police Reserve orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police are:

Chinese Company

Recruits who have not passed Part I of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. for instruction under Sub-Inspector Chan Chun-tung. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with braces, whistle, chain, knuckleduster.

Patrol duties as ordered.

Indian Company

Correction.—Constable R228 M. S. Veda taken on the strength from December 20 should read Constable R263 Gurcharan Singh.

The undermentioned will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, at 5.15 p.m. for squad drill under Sub-Inspector Mehdi Khan:

Constables M. Ali, A. Karim, Sarwar Khan, M. Akmal, A. Hamid, E. Abbas, A. Mohamed, Abdullah Khan, M. Hamzan, Kesar Ali, N. Khan, M. A. Hamet, A. R. Feroz, H. Khan, Gurdaran Singh, Mohamed Currim, Sultan Khan, M. Yakub, M. Hosen, Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt, braces, whistle, chain, knuckleduster.

Patrol duties as ordered.

Flying Squad

Patrol duties as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Recruits will parade at No. 2 Police Station at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday for Squad Drill.

The following will attend King's Park revolver range on Sunday, at 10.30 a.m. to receive Part III Training Course—Constable H. W. Ramsey, M. L. Tooch, H. F. Sullivan, J. F. de Silva, F. J. Medina, A. P. Delgado, S. S. L. de Faria, F. de Souza, C. A. R. Pereira, R. Castilho, A. F. Baptista, C. A. R. Romo-dios, F. C. Deigado, F. C. Hoteito, H. G. Tranchewo, B. G. Harris, Next at Star Ferry, Kowloon, at 10.10.

A N.C.O.'s meeting will be held at No. 2 Police Station on Tuesday, at 5.15 p.m. Patrol duties as ordered.

Criminal Sessions

Many cases are to come up before the Criminal Sessions, on Monday, including one of murder. Following is the list:

Wong Ngai, possession of dangerous drugs;

Chan Tung and five others, robbery and accessory before the fact;

Pang Tak, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Yip Kau and another, robbery by two or more;

Ho Kiu, alias Ho Kau, armed robbery; Chu Kwai, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Wan Fung, alias Wan Kwong, robbery with violence;

Wong Kau, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Li Sang, Wu Wing, Ho On, Pun Fat, Wong Lee, Chan Tai, a woman, and Wong Wah, conspiracy, forgery of documents, possession of forged documents, possession of forged dye, uttering forged documents, demanding money on forged documents, and embezzlement;

Tung Ying, robbery with violence;

Chang Bang, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Wong Sang and Li Kam-lam, demanding money on forged documents, conspiracy to defraud;

Li King-fai, larceny of postal letters;

Cheung Choi, Lam Hing, robbery by two or more;

Man Chau, armed robbery;

Cheung Yau, Kun Kiu, the robbery; Chan Hing, Chan Sung, Cheung Tai-kwut, attempted robbery by two or more, conspiracy to rob and, disarming from giving evidence;

Lau Tin-yung, Lau Tau, murder.

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BELIEVED REASON FOR PRECAUTIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, JAN. 15 (UP).—THE REASON FOR THE PRECAUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE LOWLANDS—HOLLAND AND BELGIUM—IS BELIEVED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS TO BE NOT SO MUCH THAT A DIRECT GERMAN INVASION IS FEARED BUT THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE RECEIVED "INSIDE INFORMATION" THAT GERMANY HAS DECIDED TO BEGIN TOTALITARIAN AERIAL WARFARE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

Germany's recent intensification of aerial reconnaissance over the coasts of Scotland and England are cited in support of this theory.

Amsterdam newspapers take pains this morning to reassure the populace that there is no direct danger to Holland; nor, they state, are there any indications of Nazi pressure on the Dutch Government.

A new phase in aerial warfare between Germany and the Allies would, however, intensify the international situation, and for this reason Holland is taking all necessary measures to maintain her neutrality.

Her geographical situation between the warring nations would, in the event of an aerial "blitzkrieg", render her position somewhat delicate.

An official statement this morning claims that the decision to cancel all Army leave has been misunderstood abroad.

Nevertheless, there are new indications that both the Netherlands and Belgium have not mobilised from any fear of the Allies.

It is noteworthy that the Maastricht-Liege highway has been closed for several hours, and it is now reliably reported that the Netherlands is commencing to reinforce her southern frontier.

Unconfirmed reports state that the Germans have concentrated heavy additional forces in this area. These include mobile divisions capable of advancing over flooded areas.

Warned By Princess?

There has been some slight relaxation of tension in Belgium. There, the Government does not indicate either why the forces were mobilised or why some of the precautions adopted have been relaxed.

The reports that Belgium received a warning of an impending Nazi invasion from Italian sources still persist.

In this connection, it is being recalled that the Crown Princess of Italy, Princess Marie Jose, is a Belgian.

Nearly 700,000 Belgians are now under arms.

Belgian Precautions

The newly-constituted General Staff, of which King Leopold is the supreme Commander and which has now taken over the destiny of Belgium, has immediately adopted the following measures:

1.—Direction of all military operations has been taken over from the Ministry of Defence.

2.—Auxiliary military units have been called up for service in the famous Liege fortifications, which stemmed the German advance in the last war.

3.—Hundreds of civilians have been evacuated from the Vupen, Malmédyl and St. Vith areas.

4.—All army men have been recalled. An additional 30,000 to 40,000 have been detailed for emergency duties.

Allies Accused?

Germany accuses France and Great Britain of having instigated the



RUSSIANS LAUNCH HEAVIEST RAIDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 16 (UP).—Red raids on Finnish cities and towns during the past 48 hours have been the heaviest experienced in warfare since Hitler blasted his blood-path through Poland.

On Saturday alone, according to an official announcement, 160 planes participated in raids on various centres. Between them, they dropped 1,100 bombs.

On Sunday, another 160 planes raided the countryside, dropping over a thousand bombs on 27 localities.

Most of the Russian bombs are incendiary, and only herculean work on the part of volunteer fire fighters have prevented huge conflagrations.

The bombardment of Aabo yesterday was the heaviest ever experienced by Finland.

Hundreds of buildings have been completely demolished, and a heavy toll is feared in this city.

In other parts of the country the death toll has been remarkably light, due to the precautions adopted by Finland.

Throughout last week's raids only 18 persons were killed. Ninety-three were wounded.

Most of the casualties were women and children.

Reds Rain Down Bombs

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—For the fourth successive day, Soviet planes have been raining bombs on towns in southern Finland, but the morale of the Finns is unaffected.

He said this also applies to all students in schools and universities who were born in 1922 and who are in their last year of studies.

It also applies to those temporarily excused from military service until 1941.

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KING LEOPOLD AT HEAD OF ARMY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, JAN. 15 (UP).—KING LEOPOLD HAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF ALL BELGIUM'S ARMED FORCES, IN THE SAME WAY THAT KING ALBERT DID DURING THE WORLD WAR.

R.A.F. LEAVE CANCELLED

LONDON, Jan. 15 (From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Air Forces in France).—It is officially announced that for the time being, leave for the British air forces in France is cancelled.

This does not affect those at present on leave, who will return at the normal time.

HOLLAND MAKES IT CLEAR

ROME, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is understood that the former Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Colijn, told Count Ciano and other leading Italians last week that complete solidarity existed between Belgium and Holland, and that an attack on one would mean an attack on the other.

Several Hollanders in Rome have packed and are ready to return at a moment's notice, although they are not liable for service.

BERLIN'S ACCUSATION

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The official German news agency states that the British and French Governments "deliberately passed on information" to Amsterdam and Brussels to induce the Netherlands and Belgian Governments to carry out the precautionary measures which they have taken.

M. Daladier, the French Premier, saw the Belgian Ambassador to-day.

He also saw General Gamelin, the Allied Commander-in-Chief.

Like Last November

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The military measures taken by Belgium and Holland, and the temporary cancellation of leave in the B.E.F. continue to be the subjects of much comment in Britain and other parts of the world.

No further statement has yet been made about the cancellation of leave for the B.E.F., but "well-informed" circles in London point out that the situation created over the week-end seems to have been similar to that in last November when the Low countries were threatened by an invasion from Germany.

Calmly Vigilant

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—While the situation continues to be easier to-night, Belgium's attitude is described as calmly vigilant.

Political circles state that it is unlikely that "Phase D" will be changed and that it is unlikely that there will be a return to "Phase C".

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Aerial Battle Over N. Sea

Thrilling Details Of
Encounter

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry has released further details of Wednesday's air battle between R.A.F. bombers and Nazi fighters.

The planes, nine Bristol Blenheims, were reconnoitring in formation at a height of 5,000 feet when they were intercepted by the new fast Messerschmidt 110's at a point 150 miles north-west of the German island of Borkum.

Formation Beats Nazis

The British squadron leader turned the formation to lead the enemy away from their base and closed the formation.

Unable to find a blind spot from below, the Nazis spent almost half an hour attacking from the front, sides, and directly astern.

The formation was only broken when the engines of one British bomber were put out of action, and it fell astern. It was shot down by several Messerschmidt.

The other eight British Blenheims continued flying in even closer formation and soon one Nazi fighter received a full burst. As it crashed into the sea, it sent up a large column of water.

Germans Call It A Day

A second turned away, obviously hit, while a third seemed to have been seriously damaged.

One made a forced landing in Denmark, and it is thought that another came down into the sea.

The Germans made no further attempt to attack, whereupon the British bombers returned to their original course and completed their reconnaissance.

R.A.F. Planes "Closely Watched"

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Saturday's long-distance survey flight

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LATEST

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Further Late News

REDS VEILED THREAT TO NORWAY, SWEDEN

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Norway's and Sweden's "unneutral attitude," displayed by their sending aid and volunteers to Finland, may, says the "Tass Agency," lead to "undesirable complications" and disturb the normal relations with Soviet Russia.

It will be recalled that Norway and Sweden, in reply to the Soviet protest against Scandinavian Press comment and sending

of volunteers to Finland, stated that freedom of the Press existed in the Scandinavian countries, and that such volunteers as have gone went as private individuals.

According to the Moscow radio,

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INWARD MAILS

Calcutta and Straits Jan. 16.
Haiphong and Hoihow Jan. 16.
Hankow Jan. 16.
Saigon Jan. 16.
Shanghai Jan. 16.
Shanghai and Japan Jan. 16.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 10th January.

Canton Jan. 17.
Haiphong Jan. 17.
Japan Jan. 17.
Straits Jan. 17.
Australia and Manila Jan. 17.
Canton Jan. 18.
Haiphong Jan. 18.
Shanghai Jan. 18.
Straits and Saigon Jan. 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 23rd December 1939).
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th January.

Sandakan Jan. 19.
Bangkok, Saigon and Java Jan. 19.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th Jan.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 2nd December 1939) Jan. 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

Shanghai and Japan Jan. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th January.

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 22nd Jan.

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th Feb.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 8.45 a.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 9.30 a.m.

Manila Jan. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok Jan. 16, 9.30 a.m.

Fort Bayard and Haiphong Jan. 16, 1.30 p.m.
Manila Jan. 16, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai Jan. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern France) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 25th January.

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 17, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 17, 7.00 p.m.

Straits Jan. 17, 7.00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 18.

Canton Jan. 17, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai Jan. 17, 7.30 p.m.

Japan Jan. 17, 7.00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19.

Sandakan Jan. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong Jan. 19, 1.30 p.m.

Calcutta Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Parcels Jan. 20, 8.30 a.m.

Tourane Jan. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Saigon Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.

Haiphong Jan. 20, 2 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malia and Europe via Suez and London—due London 3rd March.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Jan. 20, 3 p.m.
Reg. Jan. 20, 5 p.m.

Ord. Jan. 20, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 25th January.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 20, 5.30 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

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Admiral Stark's New Request

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Rear Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, speaking before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, said that the Navy needs bigger submarines than those of some other Powers because under-sea operations might be required in the South Atlantic. Admiral Stark declared that Germany and Russia had built large numbers of small submarines for use against nearby potential enemies, but "the United States builds submarines for operations against potential aggressive enemy action far distant from our shores."

Following Japan's Lead.
"It has been the uniform policy of Japan to build a large number of submarines capable of operating in distant areas." Replying to the criticism that the proposed \$1,300,000,000 expansion of the fleet was "too heavy in favour of destroyers," Admiral Stark asserted that Britain had 350 destroyers and other specially constructed escort vessels built or being built.

16 KILLED WHEN WALL COLLAPSES

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Sixteen were killed through the collapse of a wall during blasting at the Dos Carlos Silver Mine at Pachuca.

Six others are feared to be dying and four others were also injured.

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Army Insisting On Own Air Force

THE MINISTRY UNSYMPATHETIC

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that in spite of the unsympathetic attitude of the Air Ministry, the Army is pressing strongly, and will continue to press, its demand to have its own Air Force.

Army opinion argues confidently that it is necessary to have as complete a control as the Navy possesses of its own Air Arm.

It accepts the view that long-distance bombing and the air defence of Britain are not the duties of an army but of an air force.

But it advances the claim that the squadrons of an Expeditionary Force must carry out purely military duties essential to the conduct of war, and that, consequently, they should be an integral part of the Army and that their personnel should be Army men.

Airmen Agree

I believe this view is shared by many distinguished airmen who fought in the last war, as well as by military experts, who point out that short-range bombing machines can be compared with long-range artillery; reconnaissance machines with armoured scout cars and light tanks; and artillery co-operation machines with dominating observation posts on the ground.

Flighter squadrons for the protection of slower machines and for harassing the enemy are likened to machine-guns with wings.

While it is true that the Royal Air Force squadrons in France are co-operating excellently with the B.E.F., the Army holds that it will become increasingly necessary, as the war develops, that it should have as much control over the air weapon as over tanks, guns and all other military machines.

Special Training

For reconnaissance, for supplies and for technical co-operation in the battle zone, special types of aircraft are required, and special training is necessary for the purely military functions which the air arm will be called upon to perform under the direction of commanders in the field.

It remains to be seen whether the Air Ministry, which objects to the old arrangement before the Royal Air Force became a separate organization in April, 1918, will be able to retain control, or whether the Government will yield to the Army demand.

The probability is that actual large-scale experience under intensified war conditions will finally determine the issue.

A. J. C.

CONSCRIPTION TRIBUNAL

Public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, No. 22 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, January 22. Friday, six-week-old baby they had left in an adjoining booth.

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Mother Grieves For 3rd Time

FOR the third time the son has brought tragedy to Mrs. Maud Tate, of Nelson-street, Southwick, Sunderland.

Her twenty-one-year-old son William, who was badly scalded when the Royal Oak was torpedoed at Scapa Flow, has died in a naval hospital in Scotland.

Four years ago one of William's brothers was drowned when a rowing boat capsized, and a year later a sister was also drowned. Mr. Tate told a press representative that in moments of consciousness William related how, without clothing, he scrambled through a porthole in the Royal Oak and jumped into the sea.

He told his mother that he broke through for her sake as he was determined she should not grieve over a third sea tragedy. Mr. Tate added that he and his wife were overjoyed when they heard that their son was one of the Royal Oak survivors, but they did not know then that he was unlikely to live.

THEY FORGOT THEIR BABY

DANVERS, Mass. (UP).—A young man and woman entered a restaurant, etc., paid their check and departed.

As they sped away in their automobile an employee followed them in another machine. "Haven't you forgotten something," he shouted. "Gosh!" said the woman as she and her husband returned for their six-week-old baby they had left in an adjoining booth.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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H.K. Bank, \$ 1,370 n.
H.K. Bank (Lon. Reg.) £ 85 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K. Reg.) £ 87 n.
Chartered £ 20 3/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ 11 3/4 n.
Mercantile C. £ 11 3/4 n.
East Asia £ 79 n.

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Peak Trams (old) \$ 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$ 4 n.
Star Ferries \$ 68 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$ 24 b.
China Lights (old) \$ 7.05 n.
China Lights (new) \$ 4 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric \$ 56 s.
Macao Electric \$ 18 1/2 n.
Sundakan Lights \$ 11 1/2 b.
Telephones (old) \$ 25 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$ 9.60 n.
Traction s/- 19/6 n.
Traction (Pref.) s/- 19/9 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Caled. Macg. (Ord.) \$ 14.90 n.
Caled. Macg. (Pref.) \$ 13 n.
Canton Teas \$ 1 n.
Comets \$ 183 b.
H.K. Ropes \$ 6.10 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) \$ 22.00 n.
Dairy Farms (new) \$ 21 1/2 n.
Watsons \$ 0.15 b.
Lane, Crawford's \$ 7 1/2 n.
Sincere \$ 1.50 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.41 n.
Powell, Ltd. \$.1 n.

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Shai Cotton Sh. \$ 170 n.
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MISC.

H.K. Entertainment \$ 7 b.

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Stock Exchange Is Easier

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was easier on the renewed international uncertainties, but the losses in most groups were only small owing to the absence of selling pressure.

Gilt-edged securities headed the downdrift.

Of the commodities, tin was easier in sympathy with the Far East together with the continued paucity of consular demand.

Wall Street was irregular.

Junks Destroyed

Working just outside British territorial waters, Japanese motor launches yesterday pursued and captured three cargo junks which were attempting to reach the sanctuary of Lamma Island.

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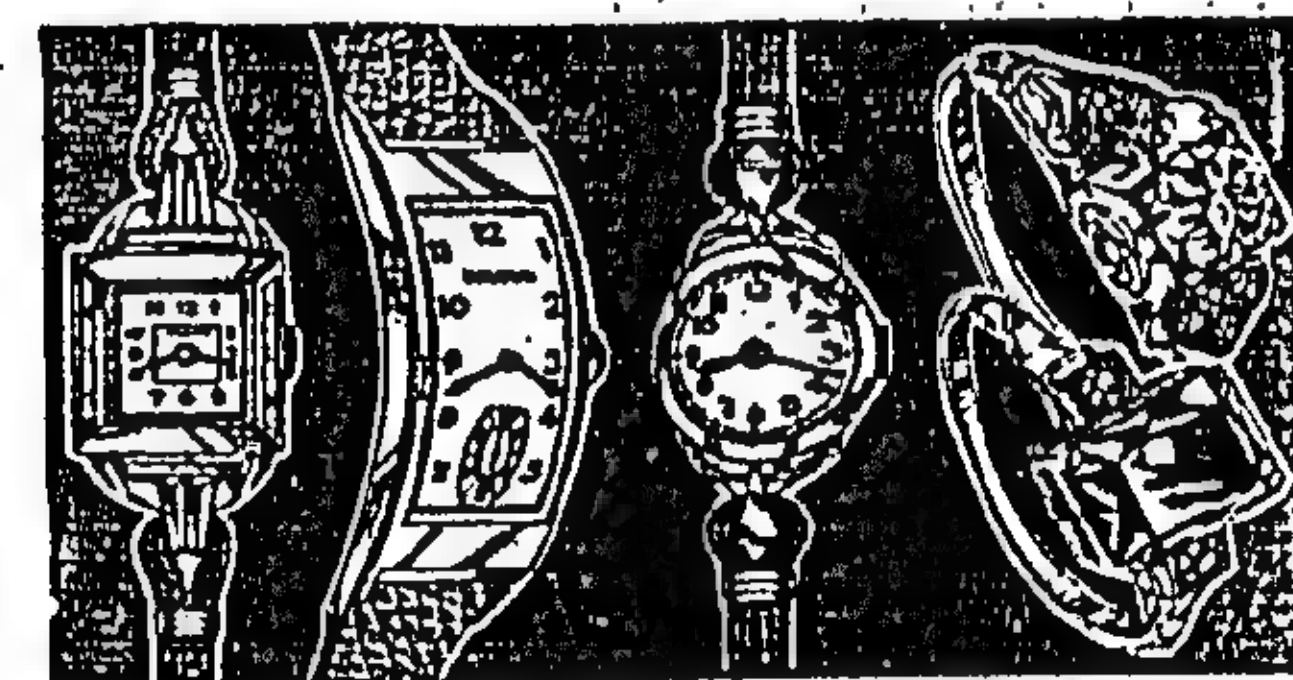
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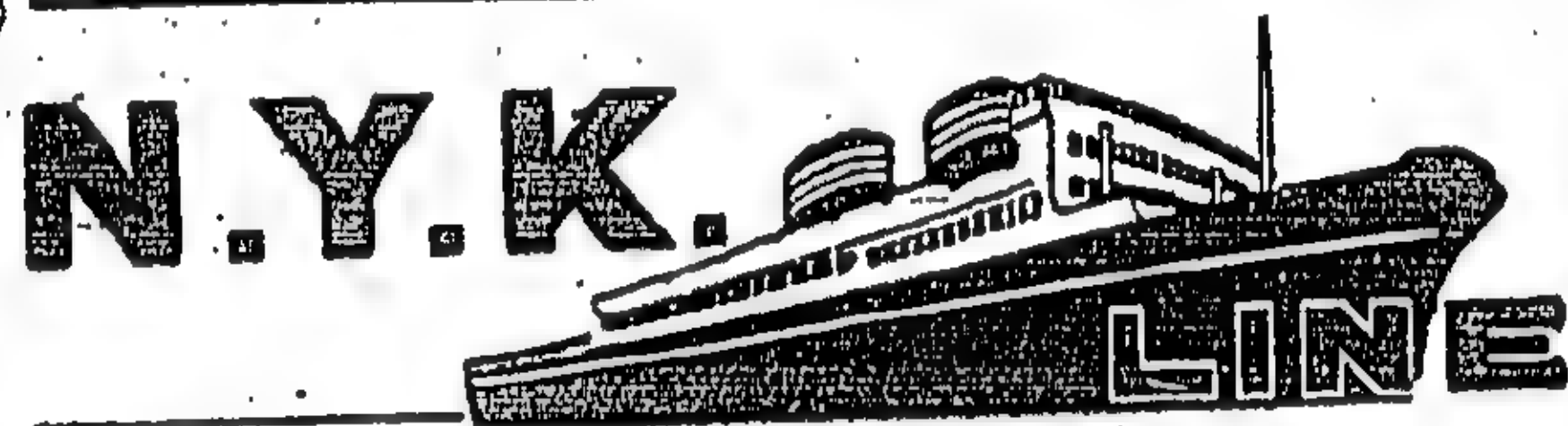
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OBJECTORS "SAFE" IN THE R.A.M.C.

Red Claims Brought Home To Britain

THE Soviet demands on Finland expressed in terms of what the demands would have meant to Great Britain are set out in a statement based on documents published by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which was issued in London recently.

This is what it meant to Finland



If the proposals were being made to the Government of Great Britain by a neighbouring Power some forty times stronger they would, said the statement, be as follows:—

1. Britain must cede the Isle of Wight to the foreign Power.
2. The Channel Islands must be fortified by the foreign Power.
3. Britain must hand over the port of Southampton as a naval and air base for the foreign Power.
4. Britain must hand over the Orkney Islands to be fortified by the foreign Power so that it will have complete control of Scapa Flow and the ports of Scotland.
5. Britain must destroy most of her defences, leaving in their place soldiers with rifles.
6. Britain must cede to the foreign Power an area on the coast of Norfolk extending fifty miles inland.

As compensation the neighbouring Power would be willing to cede to Britain some hundreds of square miles of barren land of no strategic or economic importance.

The actual demands put to Finland were published on December 12 and are shown in the adjoining map. The Finns refused because to have accepted such proposals would have meant sacrificing the integrity and independence of their country.

R.A.F.'s Aces Will Be "Triplets"

By RONALD WALKER

FRANCE.—The flying aces of this war are going to be triplets. During the last war men like Mannock, Ball and McCudden became famous as their score of victories rose.

In the dog fights which took place over the line between German and Allied machines individual reputations were made.

During this war the pilots who shoot down the Germans will be grouped in threes.

Attacks in Threes

This is the reason. The fighter boys go out hunting in flights of three machines. They scout in threes and attack in threes. If a German machine so attacked goes down it is impossible to decide which of the three fighters actually accounted for the enemy.

More Shows Wanted

Why is E.N.S.A. falling down on its job of providing concerts for the troops? Thousands of R.A.F. men would like to know the answer to that question.

Last night 2,000 of them crowded into a hall that normally holds about half that number to hear the Seymour Hicks touring party give them their first British entertainment since they got here.

The performance, which included Claire Luce, Dorothy Ward, Bertha Wilmot and Lance Fairfax, went off with a bang. In the street outside hundreds of unlucky airmen listened wistfully to the burst of song and shouts of applause which came through the doors.

The R.A.F. men are hungry for entertainment. They do not want elaborate shows. They want mainly people who can sing to them and play to them and get them singing together. And they want to see pretty girls dancing.

GOT CHANCE BY AN ERROR

London.

The medical profession is chuckling over a comedy of errors which has given a young doctor his chance.

When, before the war, plans were made to transfer patients to the country, a well-known West End children's specialist was named to take charge of a children's department 30 miles from London.

As a wife she said good-bye again. Both she and her husband were over here last time. Now, twenty-one years later, she sets off again, leaving her husband doing important work at home.

She was decorated with the C.B.E. for her work last time. She worked as a civilian when she helped British fight the last war. She was twenty-one years younger then.

YOU may wonder what brought about the decision to send this particular member of the A.T.S. here. I asked her if she knew, and she replied:—

Mr. Hore-Belisha, before quitting office as War Minister, promised that the position of conscientious objectors wishing to join the R.A.M.C. will be safeguarded if they register as objectors, before offering their services.

This assurance, it was stated at Bristol Tribunal has been given verbally to Dr. S. M. Berry, general secretary of the Congregational Union.

The Rev. E. J. Blythe, a Congregational Minister, handed the tribunal a letter from Dr. Berry to this effect. It was to cover the case of Donald George Beck, a Bristol Corporation clerk.

Matter For Army

Judge Wethered, chairman, said the tribunal had power only to direct that an applicant should be registered for non-combatant duties. The case was a matter for the Army, but he would like to know what the practice was. Beck was registered for non-combatant duties, with a preference for the R.A.M.C.

Celt Objects

John G. Brooks, of Holton, Oxfordshire, objects, to being called up because he is a Celt.

"It was not right for the Saxons (or English) to tell me what to do," he declared to South Eastern Counties Conscientious Objectors Tribunal, at Southwark, S.E. He stated that he was a Welsh nationalist and had now changed his name by deed poll to Legonna. If the Celts, as free agents, told him to fight he would do so, he replied to a question by the chairman, Judge David Davies, K.C.

The case was adjourned for further evidence. An application for the hearing to be transferred to Caernarvon was refused.

"England's War"

Unconditional exemption was granted by North Wales Tribunal at Caernarvon to Harry Griffith, clerk at the Welsh Nationalist headquarters.

He could not take part in England's wars, he said. He also objected on Christian grounds.

OUR FIRST WOMAN "OVER THERE" IS MOTHER OF TWO

By O. D. GALLAGHER

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

SHE is the only woman "Tommy" with the B.E.F. in France. And, believe it or not, she served in the last war behind the lines, and—a bigger one this time—she is the mother of two grown-up children.

Because of a combined B.E.F. and R.A.F. decision that no one in either Service out here gets any personal publicity, I can't tell you her name.

Nor may you see her photograph, for the same reason. All I'm allowed to tell you about this charming, intelligent woman, who no doubt is the envy of the whole A.T.S., is that she is rich and well known, that her husband (who is over military age) is in a key war job at home.

When I heard she was in France, I motored well over 300 miles to see her. All I knew was the name of the town where she is stationed. As it happens that was enough.

The first man I asked where she was said: "Oh Captain Mrs. So-and-So! She's at the What's It Hotel."

They all call her Captain Mrs. So-and-So, although she is correctly called Company Commander So-and-So. Her job alone with the British Army? She is in charge of 200 French girls who are helping to disguise the B.E.F. by making nests that you've seen recently in news-reels draped over guns.

SHE was enrolled (not enlisted, as a man, who then takes the oath of allegiance) in the A.T.S. soon after it was formed. Five weeks ago she was ordered to "proceed overseas," as they say in Whitehall. That was France.

What an unusual scene there was at the big house where she lives in Buckingham. A grown-up son kissed her good-bye. Wished his mother the best of luck at the Front, and went to the office.

As a wife she said good-bye again. Both she and her husband were over here last time. Now, twenty-one years later, she sets off again, leaving her husband doing important work at home.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1890.
The Royal Geographical Society in preparing to give Stanley a royal welcome upon his arrival. Elaborate preparations are being made for a reception at Albert Hall, also for a grand banquet when the explorer will be presented with a massive medal commemorating his services, similar to the medal presented by the society to Emin Pasha. A number of medals will be struck for presentation to the principal members of the two parties that followed Stanley and Emin on the march to Bagamoyo.

The Gen. of Russia proposes to be crowned King of Poland at Warsaw in the fall.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1915.
The French Ambassador has communicated a Memorandum on the wanton bombardment by the Germans of Rheims Cathedral. The German allegations that the French had used the Cathedral for military purposes are categorically denied. On the contrary the French had hoisted the Red Cross flag and established a hospital there.

It is further maintained that the Germans, when in possession of the town, used the towers of the Cathedral for purposes of observation and, upon their evacuation, subjected the Cathedral to a murderous shelling. The French bombardment, General von Dauterle in "Der Tag" admits the truth of the French allegations and promises similar treatment to any German buildings of the kind which may hamper German military designs.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1930.
An interesting development in connection with the Boy Scout movement in Kowloon, where a Scottish Troop of this well-known organisation is in process of being formed.

To the Editor, Sir.—While appreciating the efforts of the Broadcasting Committee to provide us with better programmes, I think it is desirable that its consideration to other uses of broadcasting besides music and occasional talks. Yours, etc. RADIIST

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1935.
It is officially announced that the famous Russian politician Zinoviev, and his political allies in Opposition, Kamenev, Fedorov, Evdokimov and fifteen others have been turned over to the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court. They are charged with participating in a terrorist plot against the "Moscow Centre", an organisation similar to the "Leningrad Centre", and dangerously antagonistic to the Administration.

Delirious enthusiasm has seized every inhabitant of the Saar capital city to-night. Enormous crowds are parading the streets, decked with flags and brilliantly lighted, and cheered frantically and continuously. A procession several miles in length, passing through the main streets during the evening, thousands of men, women and children holding aloft gay Chinese lanterns. A dozen or more bands, independent groups of musicians with stringed or brass instruments, concertinas or bugles played patriotic and military marches while the procession passed between the ranks of the cheering populace. In cafes and restaurants the German National Anthem, Horstwessel song and popular Saar airs, were sung by choirs of boys and girls. Everywhere was a continuous roar of "Heil" for the Reichsfuehrer Hitler.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Girls on Probation" (Majestic): A fast-moving film. Exciting series of brushes between criminals and the law are the background for this tale of a girl who was sent to jail for a crime she never committed and haunted after her release on probation. With Jane Bryan, Ronald Reagan, Anthony Aversall, Sheila Bromley and Henry O'Neill.

"The Ghost Goes West" (Oriental): A popular "Old Favourite" returns to the Oriental. Starring Robert Donat, Jean Parker and Eugene Pallette the film deals with the adventures of an American millionaire who, when visiting Scotland, buys an old castle which he transports, plus ghost, to Florida.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th January, 1940, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goodrich and Douglas.

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Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goodrich and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 13th January, 1940.

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By
Mrs.
BARDELL

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I find that the surest way to a schoolboy's heart is to pick him off to school or play with a couple of rock cakes that he can get a satisfying bite from in his pocket.

An empty biscuit tin is an excellent place to keep your family buns in, for you can make a large batch, say, three or four dozen, in one baking, and they'll keep moist and fresh if the lid is fixed on tightly.

Now for some easy-to-make favourites which will go down well with the family.

Spicy Mixture

Rock cakes with a spicy flavour are much appreciated.

Ingredients: 1 heaped breakfast-cupful flour, 1 egg and 1/2 breakfast-cupful brown sugar, 1 heaped dessertspoon, picked sultanas, pinch salt and grated nutmeg, 1/2 teasp. baking powder, 1 tablesp. butter, 1 tablesp. chopped candied peel, 1 heaped des-

sertsp. picked currants, 1 saltsp. each ground all-spice, ginger and mace.

Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and spices into a basin. Rub in butter or margarine. Stir in sugar, chopped peel, washed and dried currants, and sultanas. Mix to a soft dough with beaten egg, and milk as required.

Fork out in rough heaps on buttered tin and bake in a quick oven till firm and brown. Turn on to a cake rack to cool.

Vanilla Drops

Quickly made and jocular in flavour.

Ingredients: 10oz. flour, 1/4lb. sugar, 2 tablesp. milk, 1 teasp. baking powder, few drops vanilla, 1/4lb. butter, 2 eggs (or one egg and extra milk).

Cream butter and sugar, beat eggs well. Sift flour and baking powder together. Then add flour and egg and milk alternately to butter and sugar. Flavour with a few drops of vanilla.

Drop (teasp. of dough, well apart, on a buttered baking tin. Sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake ten minutes in a quick oven.

Old-Fashioned Caraway

These little buns are made in the same way as the raspberry buns given on this page, but 1/2oz. car-

way seeds are stirred into the mixture before it is formed into rolls, and the raspberry jam is, of course, omitted.

Date Dainties

Good to eat and very nourishing.

Ingredients: 1 1/2 cupfuls self-raising flour (add 2 teasp. baking powder if plain flour is used), 1 cupful sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cupful chopped dates, 1/4 teasp. grated nutmeg, 1/2 teasp. butter, 1/2 teasp. ground ginger, 1/2 cupful milk, 1/4 teasp. ground cloves.

Cream butter and sugar. Sift flour, baking powder if used, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves into a basin. Beat eggs well. Add flour and eggs alternately to butter and sugar.

Stir in milk and dates and mix well. Three-quarter fill greased bun tin with mixture.

Bake in a moderate oven about twenty minutes. Cool on a cake rack. Top with stoned dates, if liked.

Raspberry Favourite

Economical, but considered a treat by small folk. They're good made with dripping, but you can use other fats if liked.

Rub 2oz. fat into 1/4lb. self-raising flour, add 2oz. sugar with a pinch of salt, and milk to make a stiff mixture.

Divide into buns and place on a greased baking sheet. Make a hole

with a skewer into the top of each, drop in a little raspberry jam, close over again to keep the jam in, and bake in a quick oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Rice is Nice

Satisfying and wholesome for schoolchildren are rice buns.

Ingredients: 2oz. self-raising flour, 2oz. ground rice, 2oz. butter or margarine, few drops of vanilla essence, 2 eggs, 3oz. caster sugar.

Cream butter and sugar together, add the eggs gradually (or one egg and 1 tablesp. of vinegar) with a little of the sieved flour and beat well.

Add the rest of the flour mixed with the ground rice, stir in the vanilla essence, then put the mixture into greased bun tins, and bake in a quick oven for ten to fifteen minutes.

Fruit and Nuts

They all like these mixed fruit buns, especially if a spoonful of chopped nuts are stirred in as a surprise.

Ingredients: 4oz. butter, 4oz. sugar, 2 eggs (or one egg and a tablespoonful of vinegar) a tablesp. each of washed and dried currants, picked sultanas and shredded lemon candied peel, a few chopped nuts, 6oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 1 teasp. of baking powder, a little milk if required.

Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs gradually with a little of the sieved flour. Mix the prepared fruits and chopped nuts with the rest of the flour, etc., and add to the mixture. A little milk may be added if necessary.

SHORT CUTS

Cheese may be cut into very thin slices without the cheese sticking to the knife by holding a piece of waxed paper over the knife while cutting.

Instead of taking the time to shell peas, a busy cook may throw pods and all into boiling water. When cooked, the pods will rise to the surface while the peas will stay at the bottom of the kettle.



The wide corset girdle of the yellow-beige woolen jersey dress shown is bright red, and there is a narrow brown belt worn over it. The little felt bumpereast turban is also of beige, with red ribbon bows.

Cheese Dusties

It is a curious sidelight on modern trends that, now when the necessity arises, we are rediscovering the virtues of foods that have sustained our forefathers for centuries!

Cheese is a food our forefathers ate a great deal of, and wisely too, for it is a concentrated food and the richness and flavour that can be brought out of it by simple preparation is amazing.

Here are a few dishes suitable for lunch or a substantial supper:—

Cheese Pudding

Take six to eight slices bread and butter, one pint milk, three ozs. grated cheese, a little made mustard, pinch all-spice, and one egg.

Cut the slices of bread into squares. Arrange them in a buttered pie-dish with sprinklings of cheese in between, leaving a little of the cheese for top.

Beat the egg, add the salt, pepper, and all-spice, and pour over the milk. Pour this savoury custard over the bread, sprinkle a little cheese on top. Bake in a very moderate oven till the custard is very lightly set and the top brown.

An Economical Rabbit

Melt one oz. margarine in pan, add four ozs. grated cheese and allow to dissolve slowly. Blend half an oz. flour with four tablespoons vinegar, then stir into cheese mixture. Cook two to three minutes, stirring constantly, then add one tablespoon minced potatoes. Heat well, then pour on to squares of buttered toast, and brown for a few seconds under a hot grill.

Cheese and Tomato Pie

This is very tasty with cold meat or sausages, or makes an excellent accompaniment to baked cod.

Choose firm tomatoes, and cut three-quarters of a lb into slices. Butter a pie-dish and prepare six tablespoons breadcrumbs, and grate six ozs. cheese. Sprinkle a layer of breadcrumbs and cheese in bottom of dish, then a layer of sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle with a little pepper and all-spice, then add another layer breadcrumbs and cheese.

Continue till dish is full, arranging to have a good sprinkling of cheese on top. Cook in a moderate oven for about 30 minutes. If serving this dish alone, decorate with appetizing toast.

Cheese and Potato Casserole

Peel and slice one lb potatoes and two onions. Parboil (about 10 minutes) in boiling water, then strain off liquid. Grate three ozs. cheese. Butter a pie-dish, put in layers of partly cooked potatoes and onions. Sprinkle with powdered mace, pepper, and grated cheese.

Arrange for the top layer to be of potatoes, and sprinkle over a little cheese. Cover with one pint milk or half milk and some of the liquid vegetables were boiled in. Put a lid on dish or make a "cap" of greased paper and bake slowly for one hour. Just before serving, take off lid and brown the top.

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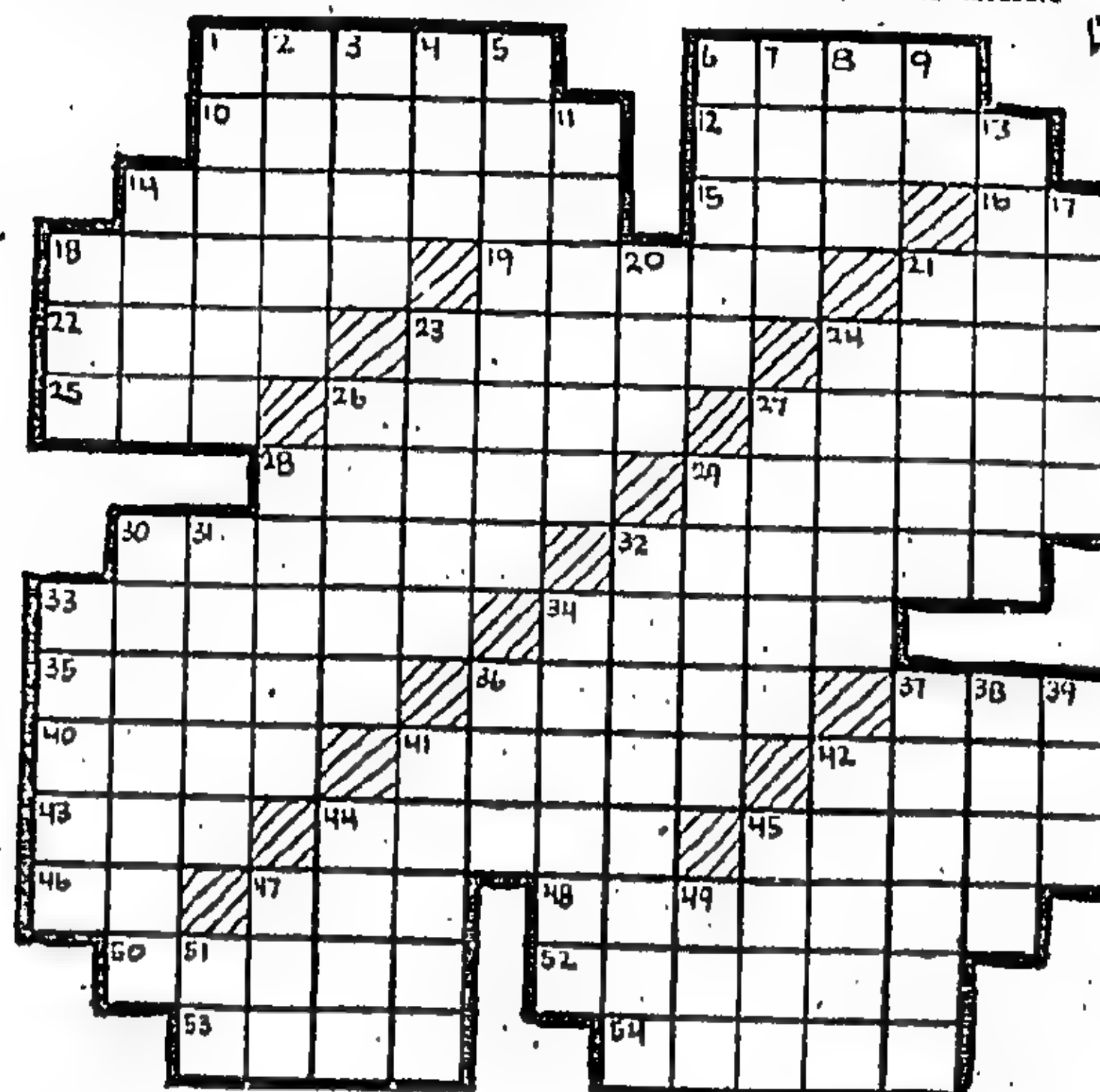
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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2—Avalon
3—Little boy (Scottish)
4—Philippine Moslems
5—Fishes
6—Girl's name
7—Lemons
8—Defence
9—Fishes
10—Insect
11—Astronomy
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26—South African hill
27—Persons
28—Falls
29—Arise
30—Edward's
31—Falls
32—Liquors
33—Compass point
34—Quizzes
35—Put in background
36—Garden tools
37—Chinese food plant

DOWN
1—Excitement
2—Charmingly decorated
3—Fishes
4—Westerly
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33—Compass point
34—Quizzes
35—Put in background
36—Garden tools
37—Chinese food plant



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LONDON FINN'S DASH TO FIND WIFE IN FINLAND

ONE of the 30 Finns left in London, Mr. Laurin Zilliacus, has set out from his home in Albany Street, N. W., carrying a sealed box full of confidential papers. He will try to reach the Finnish Foreign Office in Helsinki, acting as courier for the Finnish Legation in London.

On the eve of his adventure Mr. Zilliacus, who is 44, and former headmaster of a famous Helsinki school, told a reporter:

"I do not know how or when I shall reach the capital. From Stockholm I may have to make the 30-hour train journey to the North of Sweden and then catch a Finnish train to Helsinki."

"It may be a dangerous trip—but I shall get there. My wife and two children are in Helsinki, and I must find them."

Mr. Zilliacus resigned his headmastership early in September to try to join the British Army because he wanted to fight the Nazis. He reached England four hours before war was declared on Germany.

"Now I want to fight the Bolsheviks," he said.

Several other Finns left London by air—recently to serve their country. Before we went to war there were 300 Finns in England. Most of the 30 left are connected with the Finnish Legation staff.

Serum By Air
It was a busy day at the Legation for M. Gripenberg, the Finnish Minister in London, and his English-born wife.

TIENTSIN AMERICANS Herman Young New Head Of Chamber of Commerce

Tientsin, Jan. 15.
At the annual general meeting held during the week-end, the American Chamber of Commerce unanimously re-elected Mr. Herman Young as President for a third term.

Other officers elected were Mr. W. P. Colman, first Vice-President; Mr. A. G. Muldoon, second Vice-President; Mr. J. D. Hayes, Secretary; Messrs. H. T. Evans, D. D. Mackay, W. A. Ghorral and H. A. Luckner. Hides as members of the Executive Committee.—United Press.

Cabbage Novelties

THIS is a good dish to serve on meatless days. Take a medium-sized cabbage, 1 tablespoon margarine or dripping, 1 onion, 2 tablesp. water, 1 teacup rice, pepper and salt.

Heat the fat in casserole, add the finely chopped onion, and cook gently for a few minutes. Have the cabbage soaked, washed, and shredded. Add it to the casserole with a teacup of water and the seasonings. Put on the lid, and simmer over gentle heat, on an asbestos mat from 10-15 minutes.

Now add the washed rice and mix it in well, then add the rest of the water. Continue simmering from 20-30 minutes, till rice soft, and cabbage tender.

Cabbage Rolls

This is an excellent way to use up "left-overs," so that they come to table in appetising guise. Take 3 teacups mixed cooked meat, 1 teacup cooked rice, salt and pepper, cabbage leaves, 1/2 pint tomato sauce.

Mix the meat and rice together and season well. Soak the cabbage leaves in boiling water, leave them for 2-3 minutes, then drain well. Put 2 tablespoons of the mixture on each leaf and fold over in half.

Place in a well greased casserole, pour the tomato sauce round, and bake with the lid on for about 1 hour in a moderate oven. Serve with baked or mashed potatoes.

The rolls can be baked entirely in a little margarine, or if preferred, a little water and meat extract can be mixed and used instead of the tomato sauce.

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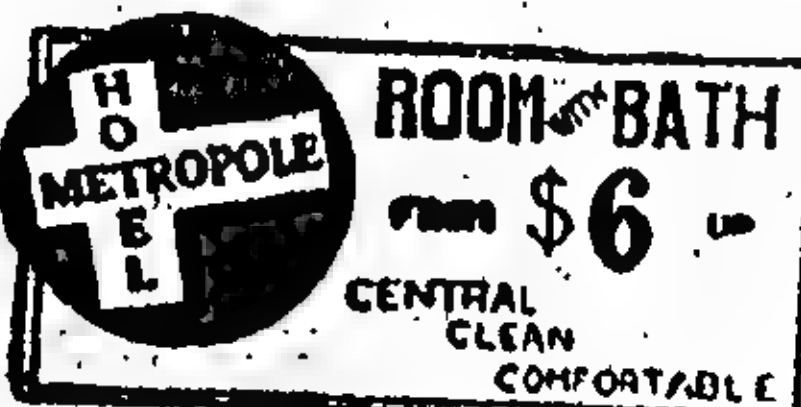
HOME HINTS

Too much flour makes a dry, bread cake. Pastry flour makes a more tender cake than does bread flour.

Did you know that sweet potatoes can be used as a vegetable, as a filling for pie, or fried like a dessert similar to fried bananas?

String beans will cook in about half the time if cut lengthwise instead of being broken in two. Before fish is placed in the refrigerator, it should always be wrapped in waxed paper to prevent taking other foods.

To fix candlesticks firmly in place, heat the candle socket thoroughly with hot water and firmly press in the candle. This is better than filling the socket with melted wax.



What's new in suits is shown here by the Hyllon sisters, popular trio of songsters. Kate, left, wears a collarless, form-fitting green suit, while Evelyn, centre, favours a tumber jacket style. Margie is in royal blue with fitted jacket. All wear tucked-in scarves over their heads.

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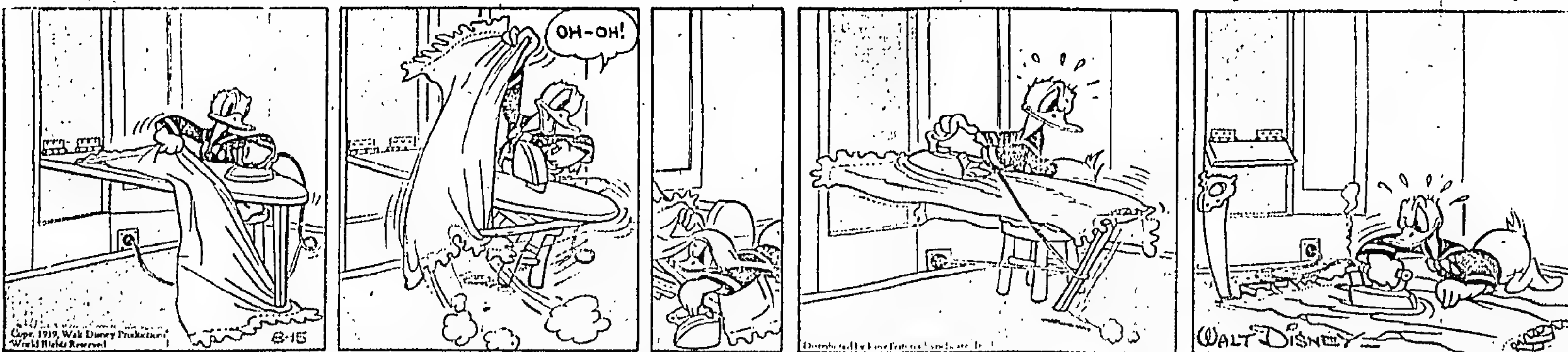
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1.00 Local time signal, weather report.

1.03 Frances Day (Soprano) and Victor Silvester's Orchestra—Jolly Brothers, Baby's Sweetheart, Victor Silvester's Harmony Music; Midnight and Music, Frances Day; We're Friends Again, What A Night, Victor Silvester's Ballroom Orchestra; Music, Maestro, Please, A Flirt, A Tangle, Frances Day, Kisses Are Dwindling, Why Stars Come Out At Night, Victor Silvester's Ballroom Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter, Rugby press, weather forecast, announcements.

1.45 Elst, Symphony No. 1 in C Major—London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Walter Goehr.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music—Wahing, One Sunday Afternoon, Billy Thorburn; I Paid for the Lie that I told You, Small Town, Gerald, Jalisco, Xavier Cugat; Tu Sais, Henry King; I'm Gonna Put You In Your Place, Got No Time, "Fats" Waller; Where Is Our Blue Bird of Melody Lane, Sweethearts, Victor Silvester; Where Is Alexander? Franko and Johnnie, The Six Swingers; Cletus Amores, Desprez; Orquesta Tipica, Francisco Canoro; Romany, Lonely, Gerald; Never Break A Promise, The Organ, the Dance Band and Mer-Cuckoo In The Clock, Shut-Eye, Kay Kyser.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Grace Fields, Arthur Askey and Mantovani and His Orchestra.

London Is Saying Goodnight, Grace Fields; Moonspan Dreams, Love's Serenade, Mantovani; All To Speculation, The Cuckoo, Arthur Askey; Tango Medley, Mantovani; Look Up and Laugh, Film Waltz Songs, Grace Fields.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local time signal, weather report, announcements.

8.03 Studio, Two-Horn Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Raff (from The Gloucester Hotel).

8.20 Selections from Kalman's "Countess Maritza," Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

8.33 B.B.C. Recording, "Poor Polly," A Sketch.

8.47 Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra—Hindu Song, Valse Triste.

8.53 Studio, "Chinese Paintings in Hongkong."—A talk by Elsie Cholmeley, Secretary to the Hongkong Committee of the Chinese Industrial Corporation.

9.05 Studio, Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay, News Summary.

9.30 London Relay, "Cards on the Table."

9.45 Tchaikowsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathétique")—Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.

10.30 A Concert by Simon Barer (Piano) and Natan Milstein (Violin).

—Sonata No. 104 Del Pezzani (No. 5) of Deuzieme Annee—L. Halle Gnomelogen—(Liszt), Simon Barer; Consolation (No. 3) (Liszt), Natan Milstein; Etude in F Minor (Liszt), Natan Milstein; Etude in F Major, Op. 42 (Chopin), Simon Barer; Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin), La Carina; Nannella (from "Concerto No. 2 in B Minor, Liszt), Op. 7), Natan Milstein (Violin).

11.09 London Relay—"In England Now."

11.15 Close Down.

Law Gives Way To Cupid

MOBILE, Ala. (UP).—Even the law bows to Dan Cupid.

Fred Schell was arraigned in inferior court on charges of passing another automobile on the Mobile viaduct.

He pleaded for a continuance on grounds it would interfere with his coming marriage.

"Okay," said Judge Tisdale J. Touart, "because you're going to cross your bridge sure enough this time."

R.A.F.'s DEADLY MULTI-GUN BATTERIES

(By RONALD WALKER)

FRANCE, Dec. 18.

FROM an inspection to-day of another of the German Dornier bombers brought down yesterday it is clear that the destructive effect of the multi-guns of the British fighters is very great.

Before I left England I heard some doubts cast by experts on the value of the battery of machine-guns which equip our fighters.

Even a quick glance at these shot-down bombers, however, would dispel any doubt. Multi-machine-guns fired as one gun make a terrible weapon.

Where the machines have been struck exactly at the cone of fire the stream of bullets has torn great holes through the metal covering, and structure of the aircraft. These holes have been blasted through fuselage and wing.

Accurate Shooting

At greater or shorter distances British pilots, who demonstrate very accurate shooting, have been able to spray their opponents with bullets using only very short bursts.

This German machine was landed by its pilot in a field not far from Menonville. He pulled off the landing with his undercarriage up.

Apparently it had been jammed by the fighter-pilot machine-gun fire. Previously his navigator and gunner had jumped with their parachutes. The gunner, badly wounded, died on the way down. The top turret was battered by bullets.

Arrested By Civilians

The pilot was arrested by civilians after his machine had bumped and alighted to a halt over the muddy field. These people had watched the battle between the British fighter and the bomber breathlessly. It lasted for a quarter of an hour.

The German pilot did not set fire to his aircraft, which is practically intact except for damage by bullets and the landing.

Evidence from the plane proved that the Germans are attempting to make a very detailed survey of a wide area of France.

THE EX-KAISER MAY HAVE TO MOVE

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would be given. Further flood-gates and sluices would be opened, others closed, and the waves would then be diverted eastward to flow remorselessly towards Germany.

Eastern Holland would be separated from the west, where lie the key towns of Amsterdam, the Hague, and Rotterdam—separated by a vast expanse of water, encompassing nearly one-third of the whole country.

This is the Dutch plan to resist invasion by Germany, and it would take only six hours to carry out.

The Dutch Government has passed the Emergency Decree proclaiming large sections of the country as areas for flooding, but because of the heavy sacrifice entailed and the fact that there appears at present to be no direct threat of invasion, the vital word of command is withheld.

This decree was primarily intended to warn the inhabitants of the districts concerned that they must expect to be compulsorily evacuated at a moment's notice.

Natural Floods

IN my tour from Utrecht, where life is quite normal, to the German frontier, just beyond Nijmegen, I saw no signs of unusual activity. Many fields were flooded, but it was pointed out to me that this was due to the unusually high water level of the River Waal.

A certain amount of deliberate flooding has been undertaken but this was also the case in 1914. The areas are those which cannot be included in the six hours' scheme.

If and when the "big flood" is ordered the fertile meadows will be covered to a maximum depth of 2ft. This will be quite sufficient to make it impossible to distinguish between the fields and the myriads of 12ft. canals and ditches.

If any tank tries to cross that trap it will be just too bad for the tank, say the Dutch. So poor are the prospects, indeed, that the Dutch Army itself has only one tank. It was bought at the end of the last war, and after becoming bogged six times in a mule-drawn trial run it was transferred to the Dutch war museum, where it still remains.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

"Invaders" Were Nazi Deserters

DISCONTENT among the German Army—there have been many cases of troops crossing into Switzerland because of poor food and bad conditions—was revealed in curious fashion recently.

During the week-end there were constant rumours that the Nazis were about to invade Luxembourg. Many troops were seen near the frontier.

Then the mystery was solved. The soldiers were not intending to commit another act of aggression. All they wanted was to get out of Germany. They were would-be deserters from the Army.

Some men did manage to cross the border, but they were persuaded to return.

THEN there is more news that will cause worry to the man-in-the-street. Germany's economic position is becoming so parlous that a new loan, to be introduced this month, will be compulsory.

An Exchange Zurich message says that under the "loan" the owners of savings banks and post-office accounts will have to contribute from three to 40 per cent. of their holdings.

Even the Hitler Youth must pay for their loyalty. They are to contribute a minimum of three marks each a year to the State.

EVEN the cheery, roaring fire around which in accordance with tradition, German families congregated each Christmas Eve was smaller last year.

The railways, neglected by the Nazis, are proving unequal to the demands of war and ordinary distribution.

Coal supplies have broken down and severe rationing is already in force.

PERHAPS the authorities are worried that these family gatherings will be a little discontented. They might even listen in to foreign broadcast action which has been illegal since early in the war.

And so the drive against such "heresy" has been intensified.

One man in Berlin (says Exchange from Zurich) has been sentenced to four years' penal servitude, another at Dusseldorf to 12 months, and a third at Bremen to 18 months.

The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says that Germans must not forget for a minute that enemies remain enemies, even if they are disarmed and taken prisoner. No social intercourse whatever is permitted. Complete detachment and reserve must be shown towards them.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The rush of enquiries has temporarily eased, and to-day's trading was not on so an extensive a scale as has been the experience of a few preceding sessions.

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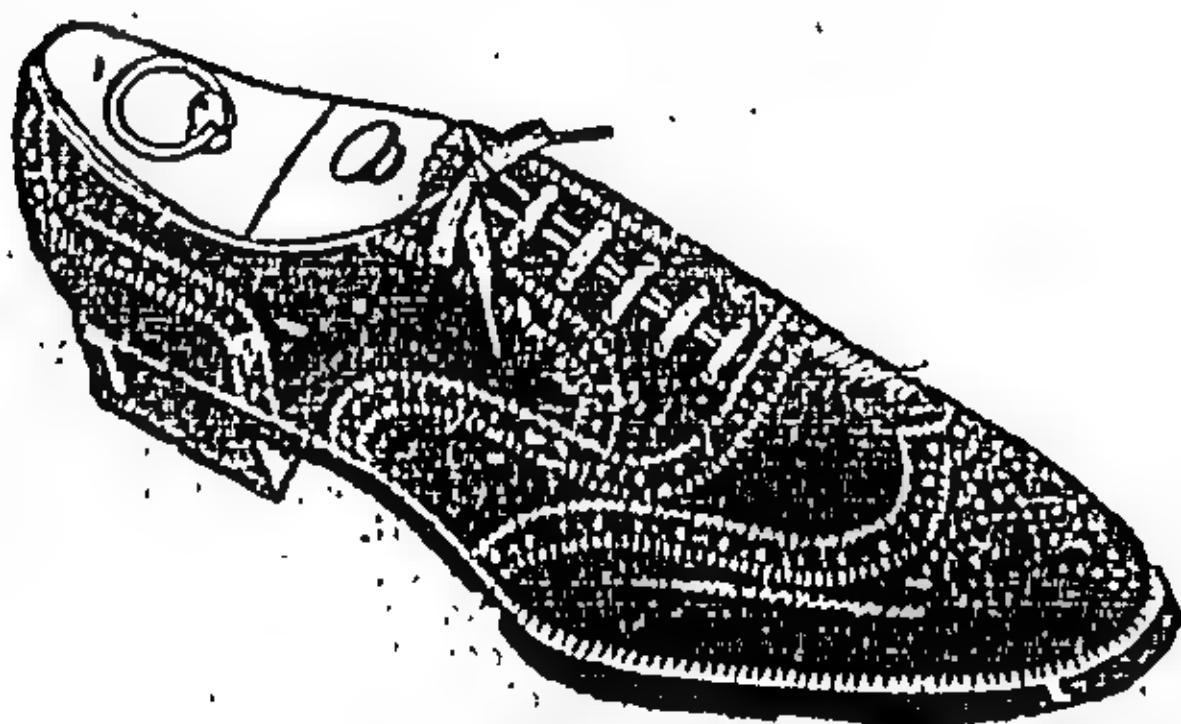
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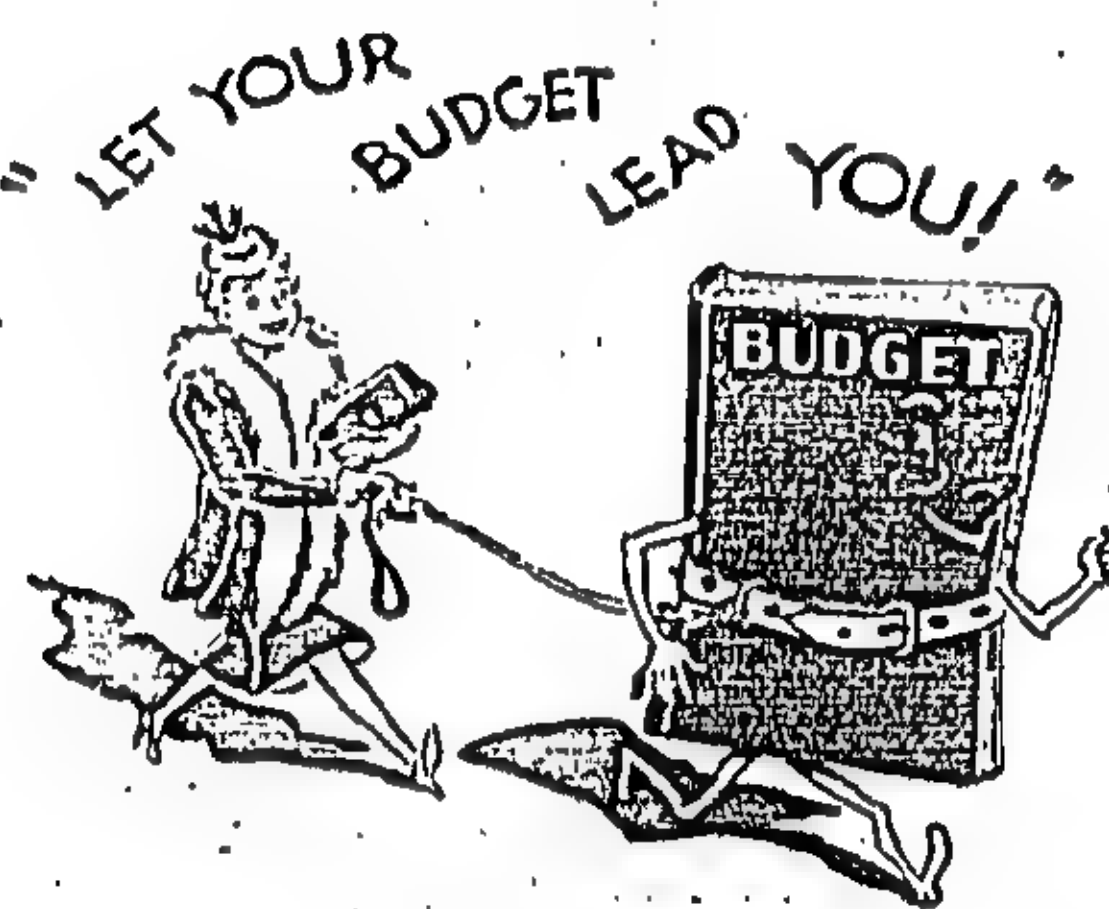


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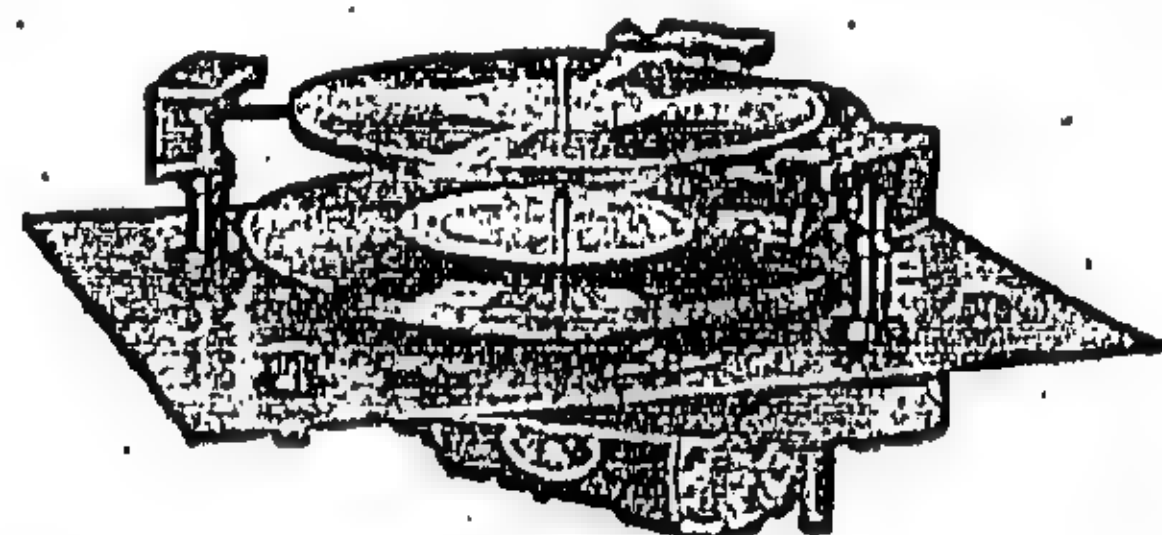
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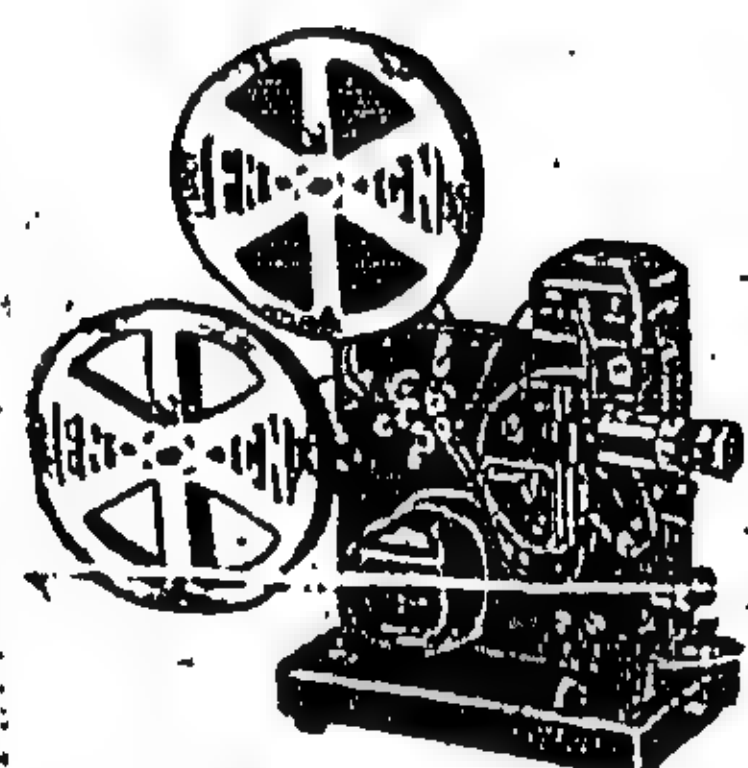
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Hongkong's Flora

The despoiling of the Colony's flora by countless gangs of firewood thieves has gained such alarming proportions, that a capably organised campaign in order to suppress the evil, is urgently needed.

It does not matter which district is considered, wherever trees and shrubs grow, these gangs of marauders are to be seen, day in and day out. Those who enjoy the Colony's countryside are horrified at the ruthless damage which has been done. Where once existed shaded forestry paths winding along the hillsides and through restful valleys, one now gazes upon ugly barren vistas, acre upon acre. Surely something can be done even at this late juncture?

Old residents who take a pride in the Colony point out to the newcomer that when Britain began development the hillsides were bare, and that the present beauty is the result of an early afforestation policy which has had the effect of transforming the barren nature then existing, to the pleasantly wooded Colony. It is estimated that on the island alone, several thousand people are engaged daily in this nefarious practice. There is no doubt that many of them are taking advantage of the high price of firewood, and find it a lucrative business in supplying firewood merchants from the hills and dales of the Colony.

Every firewood merchant should be licensed, and called upon at any time to reveal the source of supply. The gangs themselves should be dealt with as sternly as is any other class of thief, for unless effective measures are taken immediately, the damage will become irreparable.

There is some sympathy for the beggars who collect a few bundles of dry sticks, but sentiment cannot be tolerated when it means the gradual disfigurement of the appearance of the Colony. The Botanical and Forestry Department should collaborate with the Police in stamping out this scandal, otherwise we might just as well save the money which is spent in planting trees and shrubs. There is no excuse whatever for the existing state of affairs, and it

WILL HITLER ATTACK THE LOWLANDS?

AN unknown number of German divisions are now massed along the Dutch and Belgian frontiers.

Scores of Nazi bombers are standing by on the frontier aerodromes and the tension has been increased by the imposition of a strict military censorship between Germany and the Low Countries.

What does it all mean? Is Hitler planning a Blitzkrieg through Holland or Belgium—or both—with the dual object of outflanking the Maginot Line and of establishing air and submarine bases on the Channel ports from which to launch his attack on Britain?

Such, in brief, is the strategy of the Von Epp plan, long toyed with by the German General Staff. But its chances of success are today small.

From the German point of view full success depends on a surprise attack of such force as to crush all opposition and enable German motorised columns swiftly to overrun the Low Countries.

But today surprise is impossible. From the French border to the Zuider Zee is a chain of fortifications manned day and night by Belgian and Dutch troops.

By comparison with the sunken mountains of steel and concrete which are the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, the defences of the Low Countries are modest—pill-boxes and casemates, mined roads and bridges. Neither the Belgian nor the Dutch General Staffs believe that their de-

frontier pill-boxes are manned, the Dutch army stands on guard. Should the Germans strike, the Dutch will make their main stand along the Rivers Maas and Yssel, which flow parallel to the frontier.

If forced to retreat, the Dutch will call on their oldest ally—the sea—and flood a 25-mile-wide belt of country stretching from the Zuider Zee round Utrecht to the River Waal and the North Sea.

The hope is that Hitler's chariots will be caught in these waters to become a target for British bombers. But if the Germans ever get as far as this into Holland, it will leave them free to wheel southward against Belgium along three main roads—from Nijmegen to Breda, from Venlo to Turnhout, and from Venlo to Maastricht.

One possibility is that Germany may be content with attacking Holland, in which case Belgium might still remain neutral.

In face of reverses, or the continued stalemate on the Western Front, Hitler may be tempted to try to repeat the great flanking movement through neutrality which so nearly succeeded for Germany in 1914.

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THE LOWLANDS

Neutrality

Both Belgium and Holland are neutral States in this war. Dutch neutrality is not internationally guaranteed like that of Switzerland. Holland is free to act as she thinks fit. No Power has the right to come automatically to her assistance.

The Belgian position is different. She had, till 1930, a military agreement with France. But France and Britain still guarantee her neutrality. There are, at present no military agreements between Holland and Belgium.

Both Powers are signatories of the Oslo Convention, together with Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Luxembourg, for the joint discussion of economic problems.

History

Belgium seceded from the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Holland) after a revolution in August, 1830. Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was elected King 1831. Succeeded by Leopold II. (1865-1909), Albert (1909-1934) and Leopold III. Belgian independence recognised by all States of Europe at Treaty of London, 1839.

Language

There is no Belgian language. Northern half of Belgium is Flemish (Low Dutch) speaking, southern half is French speaking. This section of the population is called Walloons.

Until 1914-18 war French was official language. But in German-occupied territory Flemish aspirations were encouraged.

Since that war the Flemings have gained ground. Flemings are mostly farmers with high birthrate. Walloons mostly industrial workers with low birthrate. Flemings would now prefer reunion with Holland. Walloons look to France. But Holland prefers Belgium to remain an independent buffer State.

Defence

Belgian Army is 800,000 war strength, Dutch is 250,000. Holland's first line of defence is behind the Rivers Yssel and Maas (see map). Beyond this, protecting Amsterdam and Rotterdam, is a 25-mile-wide band of floodable country.

Belgium's first line of defence on the north is behind the fortified Albert Canal between Antwerp and Maastricht. To the south-east the first line is formed by the forts round Liege and the hilly country of the Ardennes. Behind lies the strong line of forts on the left bank of the Meuse.

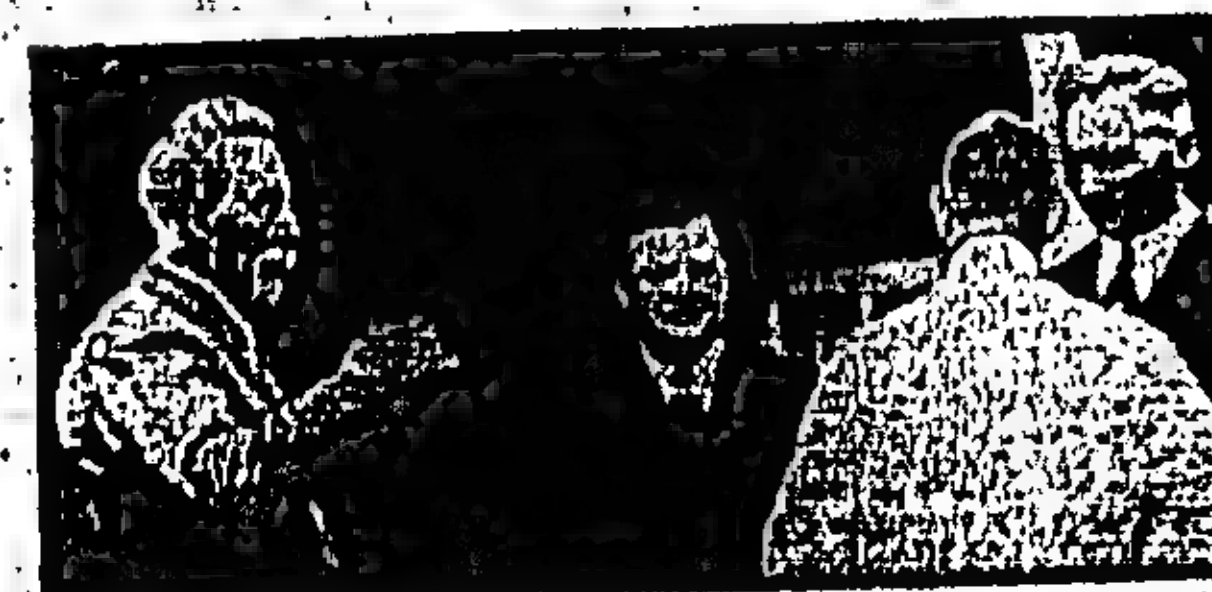
As planned as a strategic trap, trenches linking the forts and Belgium's army of 500,000, mobilised within four days of the outbreak of war, is now completing the digging of Holland are mined. All the

The ex-Kaiser may have to move

WHILE Holland stands by to open the flood-gates to let loose a 30-miles tidal wave as a barrier against invasion of her lowlands, the ex-Kaiser considers the possibility of having to move house in case his countrymen should cross the frontier.

I have just made a lightning tour of the area which would be flooded in the event of trouble. In the midst of that area is the Castle of Doorn, sanctuary of the 60-years-old ex-Kaiser.

Only last June the residents of Doorn gave the ex-Kaiser a summer-house. Here he is drinking their health at the presentation.



The Dutch authorities smiled when they heard that this white-haired old man who led his people to war 25 years ago was now busy building underground air-raid shelters.

They immediately despatched a courier inviting him to take up residence at the Hague should invasion seem imminent.

It is a tremendous scheme that Holland has embarked upon to protect her country.

To-night, at key points of the elaborate system of dykes, canals, and waterways—memorials of her ceaseless fight with the sea—sentinel posts stand waiting with wrenches, crowbars, and sticks of dynamite for a broadcast word which would empower them to send a vast tidal wave of water from the North Sea to the higher elevations of the Belgian frontier.

The wave would sweep over fields and meadows, pour through villages, and isolate ancient towns, such as Utrecht, where I am writing this message.

When the wave reached the Belgian frontier, other commands

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New Japanese Cabinet EXPECTED TO CHANGE ATTITUDE

Cordiality For The
Western Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—While the State Department maintains a guarded silence on the Japanese Cabinet changes, diplomatic circles predict intensified Japanese efforts to reach an understanding with the United States and Great Britain before the expiration of the United States Trade Treaty on January 26.

Japanese circles here characterize the Yonai Government as a "strong Cabinet" capable of vigorous and independent action to meet the extraordinary situation.

Possible Agreement
The State Department declined to confirm or deny the Japanese statement that the proposed draft for a modus vivendi had already been submitted to Washington, but informed diplomats placed credence on the report, and suggested that the proposed agreement might somehow be related to the Japanese Cabinet change, since apparently the newly Japanese Government is generally more friendly disposed to the Western Powers than the former Cabinet.

It is believed that they will have more freedom to pursue energetic actions necessary to effect an agreement.

More Friendly Towards Britain
Informed quarters here said the reorganization of the Japanese Navy Group to power probably signifies renewed emphasis on friendly relations with Great Britain with whom the Japanese Naval authorities have been consistently cordial.

They said it might indicate a reversal to the status which existed in the 1920's when Britain's Admiralty and the Japanese Naval Command co-operated closely on diplomatic lines.

Such a development, they said, would be significant in the United States by halting the trend towards an incipient naval race with Japan which, although costly and politically dangerous here, would probably prove to be economically disastrous to Japan who is already involved in a costly military adventure.

War Will Continue
Informed quarters also express the belief that no drastic modification is likely to occur in the Japanese military operations, but that the Cabinet shift might result in an altered policy towards the Western Powers in China.

The first impression of keen analysts here is that the new Japanese Cabinet is better equipped with non-political and political prestige to effect a change in the Japanese national policy than was the former Cabinet.

This is considered to be an essential requirement in working out an agreement with the United States.

SUSPECTED SABOTAGE

Factories Destroyed By
Fire In Berlin

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—There have been four large fires in Berlin in 24 hours. Two factories were completely destroyed while a third was badly damaged.

Extreme cold made it difficult for the Berlin firemen to prevent the flames from spreading.

In spite of the danger of incendiary bombs, there have been many fires recently, and it is thought that these four fires are also due to sabotage.

Interports Clash

No Ground Available
For Rugbyites

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (UP).—Having learned that Hongkong is willing to send a rugby football team to Shanghai for an interport match during the Chinese New Year holidays, local officials are at present puzzled where to play the match, owing to the Cantidrome being used for the football interport, which is being played on the same day.

The Cantidrome is the only available ground with suitable accommodation.

There has been no news as to when the Hongkong team will arrive, and Shanghai have not yet picked their team.

SELECTING SOCCER TEAM
THE SHANGHAI F.A. is meeting on Wednesday to map out plans for the interport, and at the same meeting the northern team will probably be selected.

WOMEN UNDECIDED
THE SHANGHAI LADIES HOCKEY ASSOCIATION are still undecided whether to accept the challenge from Hongkong owing to a lack of funds. There will be a meeting shortly, however, to discuss the matter.

Jews' Plight In Germany

Only 16 Per Cent. Are
Now Employed

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Only 16 per cent. of the Jews of the old Reich in Nazi Germany are now in employment, according to the "Manchester Guardian."

Fortunately, says the paper, the Central Jewish Organization has at least been able to organize relief, and the horrors of transportation to the Jewish sector in Poland have not yet been realized in any very large measure.

In Vienna, however, many have followed the path to the Ghetto of Extermination.

Under the heading, "Wings Over Austria," the "Manchester Guardian" in another leading article, says that Saturday's R.A.F. flight has brought to the people of Austria and Czechoslovakia a reminder that they are still within the range of better neighbors than the Nazis.

Brilliant Survey Flight
"The News Chronicle" emphasizes that the flight will bring new hope to the Czechs and Austrians, while the "Daily Telegraph" calling it the most brilliant survey flight of the war, says that it will become known to the Germans that their Fuehrer cannot shelter them from the air power of the Allies and that the most remote parts of Greater Germany are not safe when the British and French choose to strike.

AERIAL BATTLE OVER NORTH SEA

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of the R.A.F. over Greater Germany is now admitted by the Nazis. At first, the German radio denied that any such flights had taken place. On Sunday night, however, the official German news agency admitted that the flight had taken place, but "explained" that the R.A.F. planes were "watched very closely."

The agency claims that German observers watched the activity of the British planes very closely. They were all at a very great height. Such flights are very dangerous, continues the agency, and not of much use anyway.

In view of the close watch kept on the R.A.F. planes, it is curious that they were not intercepted or attacked in any way.

No anti-aircraft guns opened up and the pilots reported having seen searchlights at one point only.

Comparatively All Quiet On W.F.

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué states that there was activity of patrols and artillery. There were also local encounters between reconnaissance units.

NAZIS MAY USE PACIFIC AS SUPPLY ROUTE

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The possibilities of German running supplies across the Pacific to Vladivostok and other ports from America under the "Cash and Carry" system are not being lost sight of in the Allied Contraband Control, which is tightening around all kinds of German vessels.

As regards Russian oil supplies for Germany, it is understood that one route from Baku lies via the Volga to Moscow, then by canal to Leningrad, and from there to Germany by sea.

New Treaty Sought

Tokyo Discussion With
U.S. Ambassador

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, stated today that a new commercial treaty with Japan is being discussed at Tokyo.

Asked at a Press Conference with regard to despatches from Tokyo in which Japan had submitted proposals dealing with Japanese-American trade relations after January 26, Mr. Hull replied that all matters in which the governments were interested were under discussion from time to time between Mr. Joseph Grew and the Tokyo Foreign Office.

No Developments
These matters include the commercial treaty situation and related topics, Mr. Hull said. He added that at present there were no developments.

After the conference, a State Department official explained that the United States had not raised the question of a new commercial treaty, but Japan was anxious for a new treaty with the United States and had undoubtedly injected the matter into the Tokyo discussions.

BELIEVED REASON FOR PRECAUTIONS

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emergency measures adopted by the Lowlanders.

D.N.B., the official German news agency, comments today in the following vein: "In view of the impossibility of activity along the Maginot Line, Britain and France are now seeking to provoke Germany into entering Holland and Belgium."

Prepared For Anything
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Dutch military authorities continued to check over the country's defence preparations to-day, but no new measure was announced.

"Holland is prepared for anything, but it must not be assumed that there is any imminent danger at the moment," Reuter was told in The Hague.

There has been little development in the situation since yesterday. Intensive movements of German troops continue to be reported from across the frontier, but according to usually well-informed sources, the concentrations are much bigger opposite Belgium than opposite Holland.

Political quarters here have the impression that Belgium is playing the leading role in this particular crisis.

Rumours of a Belgo-Dutch military alliance are discounted at The Hague. It is pointed out that the positions of the two countries are very different.

Were Holland invaded it might be important that Belgium enter the fight, but if Belgium were invaded, it might be far more advantageous to Belgium to have Holland neutral.

Meanwhile, the Dutch and Belgian Governments are keeping continual touch with each other.

The Dutch papers are dealing with the situation more fully than they did last November, and the population is noticeably less nervous, but crowds gather at the news-stalls where British and French newspapers are displayed and gravely discuss the London and Paris versions of the situation.

These versions are much more alarming than the accounts published here.

Unknown persons to-day smashed the windows of the German Travel Bureau in one of Amsterdam's main streets.

Tennis
I. R. C. Singles Semi-Final
A. R. Kitchell entered the final of the Indian Recreation Club's tennis singles championships on Sunday when he beat O. Rumlahn 12-10, 7-5, 6-3.

Kitchell now meets either S.A. or H. D. Rumlahn.

RUSSIANS LAUNCH HEAVIEST RAIDS

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the roads continue to be machine-gunned.

None of our land lines of communication is threatened and traffic nowhere is seriously interrupted.

A number of enemy planes destroyed and shot down during the week in well above the number of Finnish civilians killed.

Vipuri (Viborg) had the worst bombing of the war this afternoon. Many buildings were set afire and the shop fronts in one street were blown away.

Twenty-two bombers participated in the raid.

Winged Death
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 15 (UP).—Scores of Russian planes raided Finland this morning.

Two alarms were sounded in Helsingfors and three planes were seen bombing some distance north of the city.

Soviets' New Technique
The Finns believe that the Russians have decided to use their air supremacy before the Finns have acquired sufficient foreign fighting planes to make their raids dangerous, and it is suggested that Russian pilots will attempt to frighten Sweden and Norway from continuing their aid to Finland.

It is believed the attempt will fail. An official communiqué says that the Finnish leaders were among the districts bombed yesterday.

Vaasa suffered the worst damage in yesterday's air raids. Eight civilians including women and children were killed and many others were wounded. Damage to property was great.

Many Towns Bombed
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—A communiqué says that on January 14 the home area as well as the war zone experienced numerous air raids, and mentions that many towns were bombed.

The communiqué says that Vaasa suffered most. There were eight civilians, including women and children, killed and many wounded. Considerable material damage was done elsewhere. Casualties were relatively small.

300 Machines Take Part
Part of the enemy machines came from the Arctic over Norwegian territory.

The number of machines over Finland during the day is estimated at over 300. Three were shot down and the shooting down of another three awaits confirmation.

The wreckage of three more were found. These were among the unconfirmed cases reported on January 12.

Must Have More Help
LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Finland must have more help from abroad if she is to counter the Soviet superiority in the air, a Finnish Legation spokesman told "Reuter."

The partially cloudy weather in the last three days has enabled Russian bombers to approach their objectives in this way 27 districts were bombed.

In the course of one attack, 400 planes participated and dropped over 1,000 bombs.

The Russians are using the aerial pincer movement. They are using their new bases in Estonia in order to make raids on the west coast. Their airports along the eastern frontier are used to cover the rest of the country.

Morale Unbroken
Finland cannot counter this advantage, her chief air bases being on the south coast behind the Karelian isthmus defences.

Despite constant strafing from the air, the morale of the Finns is unbroken, but it would be tragic if the world thought that Finland's great successes in land meant that she was winning the war.

The Finns realised well that such successes were local successes only. Great masses of Russians are still being brought into play. Furthermore the Russians have dominated the skies with their bombers.

Finland must have more fighters. Her fate depends upon her securing more help in the air. She has appealed to the whole world to help her counter Russia's strength.

Roosevelt's Gesture
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has informed Congressional leaders that he will send a communication to Congress shortly on extending aid to Finland.

It is predicted that the President will advise Congress that any United States assistance to Finland should be confined to non-military assistance.

A Senate authority stated that President Roosevelt would discuss the question of an additional loan to Finland through the Export and Import Bank for non-military purchases in the United States.

U.S. Revolution Plot DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED

Many More Arrests
Indicated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (UP).—Sixteen members of the Christian Front, arrested yesterday on charges of attempting to create a revolution for the overthrow of the United States Government, pleaded their innocence before the Federal Court in Brooklyn and were held for hearing on February 5 under bail of \$50,000 each.

Federal officials said the other two members would be arraigned later. They also stated that the 16 men arrested were only part of a larger group still under investigation.

Immediate Action Threat
Mr. Harold M. Kennedy, The United States Attorney at Brooklyn, said a joint inquiry with the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that the leaders threatened "immediate action," hence the arrests were made earlier than originally planned.

He said the evidence indicated that the alleged terrorists planned to start activities about January 20.

More Arrests Expected
The investigation also included a possible tie-up with the Irish Republican Army.

Mr. Kennedy said, "We expect more arrests. We have merely scratched the surface."

**KING LEOPOLD AT
HEAD OF ARMY**

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unless there is a great change in the international situation.

It is understood that the reason for the measures taken over the weekend was not due to discovery of plans on a German aeroplane which made a forced landing, but to political and military information received in Brussels.

Signs Of An Offensive
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is impossible to obtain authoritative information in Berlin to show whether the Belgo-Dutch defence measures are really justified by the German threats, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet."

Certain quarters in Berlin, however, are not surprised at these measures, since there are many signs to indicate that an offensive is planned for this month.

It is unlikely that an offensive would open with a breach of Holland's neutrality, but events might lead to this.

The intense cold improves the possibilities of action in the flooded Low countries.

To End War Quickly
The only object of an immediate German offensive would be now to end the war very quickly. Soldiers of units visited by Hitler at Christmas have written home to the effect that Hitler told the troops that the war would be over by spring, but authoritative sources in Berlin describe such reports as nonsense.

The presence of large German concentrations near the Dutch frontier is no longer a military secret.

**REDS VEILED THREAT
TO NORWAY, SWEDEN**

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Russia is not satisfied with this reply and hopes that the two countries will not be brought into the war against the Soviet Union.

Reds Violate Territory
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Swedish Government is to make a protest against the dropping of bombs in Swedish territory on Sunday.

One report states that the son of the Crown Prince and the governor of the district involved have confirmed that the bombs were of Russian manufacture.

Soviets Accused
OSLO, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Government has instructed the Legation in Moscow to lodge an energetic protest against the violation of the Norwegian frontier by Soviet planes.

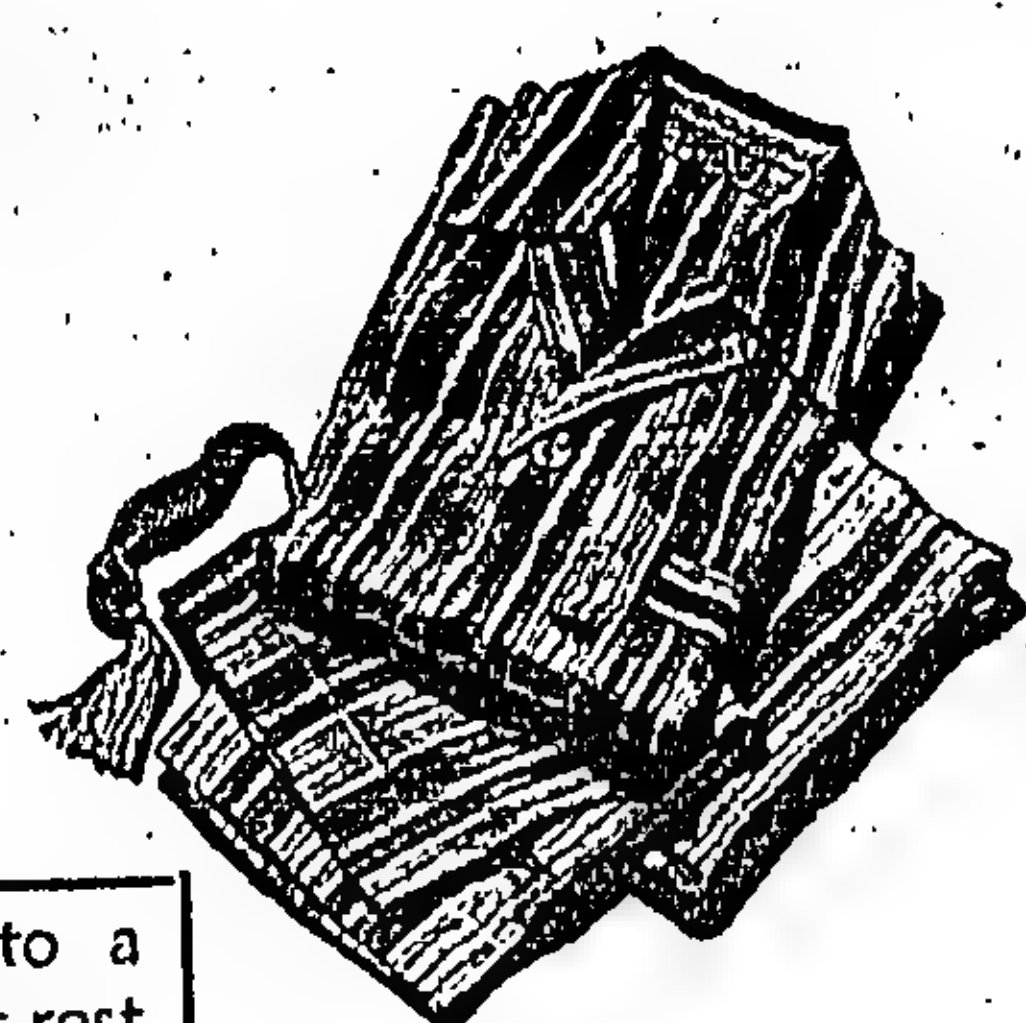
An official statement says that several Soviet planes crossed the frontier at different points on January 12 and 14.

Cross-Norwegian Border
OSLO, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Soviet planes operating in the northern Finnish front crossed the Norwegian frontier, according to Press reports. These reports added that one plane even landed on the Norwegian side of the Pasvik River, but took off again almost immediately.

**BLACK-OUTS IN
VIENNA**

ZURICH, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Vienna now will be blacked out at night, according to the correspondent of a Swiss paper.

It is officially stated that the measure is intended to economise in coal.



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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

HIGH SCORING ON CLUB GROUND

Kowloon Need More Bowlers: Doubts About Army In The League

THIS LEAGUE BUSINESS has got me beaten, and with the rearrangement of the fixtures I just don't know where I am for the time being. I expect I shall manage to dope it out later. It is a most unfortunate thing that the Club cannot carry on, but they are, of course, very hard hit by the various camps, not to mention the ever-present handicap of Rugger which takes so many useful cricketers for their first few seasons out here.

I have not definitely heard, but it seems as if the Army were not going to run a first eleven but play as a second division team. This may be incorrect, but judging from some of the names in the second eleven it looks probable. It is utterly impossible to do much forecasting at present, but I cannot help thinking that the I.R.C. have a very fair chance of being pretty near the head of the League.

THE CLUB had the usual four out of the Civil Service eleven to help them, but even so it did not do them much good in the way of coping with the Kowloon batsmen. The wicket seemed to play very easily, and the ground was so fast that the ball went to the boundary at a tremendous pace. Then, again, no one could find a length or look dangerous in any way except Perry for an over or two in his second spell, when he bowled Archie Zimmerman and Ranley with successive balls.

John Pearce sent down one or two very good ones but was not at his best. It must, however, be realized that T. A. Pearce was away with a strain, and Owen Hughes confined to bed with a touch of flu, so the Club were at a great disadvantage.

FIRST WICKET PARTNERSHIP

ANDERSON was content to go along slowly (I hear he was dropped before he had scored), and let Hing do most of the run-getting, but when the latter was bowled by John Pearce at 64, he bristled up and hit very powerfully. So did Eric Fincher who played all the bowling with complete confidence and made 72 of his 101 not out from boundary hits. Perry took a very nice catch to send back Anderson, and Fortescue, behind the wickets, let no byes. I am told this is the third innings running on the Club ground in which there have been no byes.

A GOOD OPENING

THE CLUB also started well as Richardson and Fortescue sent up for the first wicket, and their partnership was broken only by a stupid bit of work. I could not see who was to blame, but there was bad hesitation in the middle of the pitch. Richardson is developing a very bad habit of running a step or two down the pitch after playing the ball, and then looking at the other batsman. If he calls it is not audible from the side of the field. There should be no such tactics.

If it is the striker's call he should say in a clear and audible voice "Yes," "No," or "Wait," as the case may be when he has played the ball. If it is the backing up batsman's call he should do the same as soon as the ball has been played. If either batsman feels it can't be done he should send his partner back with a really

definite shout—either "No" or "I can't."

Everyone really knows this, but it is amazing how often you see two men performing a sort of Indian war-dance in the middle of the pitch from sheer indecision.

A GOOD KNOCK

RICHARDSON continued to bat well, which was lucky for the Club, as no one else did much until Perry and McKeelan played out time. Incidentally, there developed a nasty spot at each end and Dicky got a nasty smack on the cheek-bone from Goodwin. I thought at one time we were going to see two centuries made in a Saturday afternoon, but Dicky got careless and played inside one from L. Burch, a young bowler who has just left school. I find, and who has a very nice easy action. He has a rather long run but he tells me he finds he wants it and I don't believe in monkeying about with a fellow's natural inclinations as regards his bowling. Besides, as W.G. used to say, it gives a batsman all the more time to decide what stroke he is going to play before he sees what sort of a ball is coming down.

POOR BATTING

SOME of the Club batting was rather poor. Kibbee never seemed to see a single ball properly. Carey was the victim of an amazing catch as he hooked Goodwin very hard and low, and D. Hung dived sideways and took the ball low down at full length—one of the most spectacular catches I have seen for a long time.

Goodwin sent down some useful stuff, and I was glad to see his leg stood up to it, though he wants a bit of practice, as he sent down far too many "glit" fours. It will mean much to K.C.C. if he returns as a regular bowler.

R. E. Lee was absent ill, and rather showed up the bowling. R. Labrum of Central British (or is it Diocesan?) got very keenly. A good game to watch—307 runs in the afternoon and quite a return to the old days upstairs after the match. I was glad to drink in the cheerful spectacle—and other things.

THE CLUB WIN

THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB second eleven seem to be in excellent form at present, as after beating the Army last week they have now put

Contract That Was Recently Renounced



TAKE PEN IN HAND—Henry Armstrong, world's welterweight champion, left, and Ceferino Garcia, world's middleweight champion, sign in Los Angeles for 10-round title bout on Feb. 22. But if either loses title in bouts before that time, fight will be cancelled. If Armstrong wins Garcia must have return match.

This contract was broken by Armstrong on Sunday on the grounds of racial prejudice in Hollywood.

EFFORT TO SETTLE MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE DISPUTE FAILS

CLEVELAND, (UP).—Negotiations were opened recently for two title fights, when Promoter Mike Jacobs, of New York, telephoned Nate Druxman, Seattle Promoter.

"Uncle Michael" of New York's 20th Century Club made the first move. He telephoned Druxman to this effect:

"Let's match Al Hostak and Ceferino Garcia for Madison Square Garden some time this winter, and settle the middleweight championship dispute."

Hostak, the "Savage Slav" from Seattle, is recognized as middleweight champion by the National Boxing Association, whereas Garcia is acknowledged by the New York Commission.

Unquestionably, Jacobs' telephone call was answered by Hostak's first round knockout of Eric Seelig round at the Cleveland Arena recently. Experts who watched Hostak's first appearance east of the Rockies were unanimous in their opinion that he

is the hardest hitter in the middleweight division since the days of Stanley Ketchell.

Jacobs also talked with Hostak's manager, Eddie Marino, but that conversation accomplished virtually nothing.

HOSTAK'S CONDITIONS

MARINO, who is a close friend of Druxman, informed Jacobs that Hostak would be delighted to appear at Madison Square Garden under these conditions:

That Billy Conn, who is under contract to Jacobs, defend his lightweight title against Hostak, in a heavyweight title fight.

Negotiations halted abruptly when "Uncle Mike" hung up his ear-piece with the concluding remark, "Nertz!" Hostak recently bought a new automobile at Detroit, and drove to Seattle for the holidays, after which he will return to Chicago to defend his title claims at Chicago's Coliseum against Tony Zale.

ARMSTRONG'S PLANS

MEANWHILE, welterweight champion, Henry Armstrong, who knocked out Jimmy Garrison, of Cleveland, in the second bout, will go to St. Louis and Los Angeles for his holidays, after which he may angle with Davey Day at Chicago in a return bout. Armstrong once beat him in New York.

BAD FIELDING

I WAS AMAZED to hear that the Police had not only beaten but crushed the Army 2nd eleven, as I thought that the latter were a pretty useful lot of players. I do not at any time consider that they had got a good batting side, but I did not expect to see them out for 67.

Then, astonishing as it may seem, their fielding broke down completely, which is most unusual. Pope (27) was several times dropped, while Hunter (20) and Danbrow (34) put up useful scores. A. V. Gosano did not get going in the bowling line and took no wickets.

ARMY LOSE AGAIN

I AM GETTING more and more puzzled about the Army 2nd eleven, but I think the solution is that they have decided that they are unable to field a team in the First League, and have decided to run one—a sort of "A" team. I was glad to see that Mann turned out. I believe for the first time this year, and they had quite a useful side and totalled 142. Personally, I should rather have backed that as a winning score against C.C.C. 2nd eleven, and should have been quite wrong as Youngs, A. Hung and Hanson and which all did pretty well. Incidentally, I was surprised to see H. P. Lim playing in the 2nd as he has been scoring well for the 1st this year.

NEW FOOTBALL CLUB FORMED IN KOWLOON

THE FORMATION of a new football Club in Hong-kong by the Peninsula Hotel staff was the occasion of a gala held at the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday.

A large gathering of friends turned out to support the football match between "A" and "B" teams, which was the main event of the afternoon. The "B" team won by two goals to one.

The Club is comprised of several teams from the various departments of the Hotel. A tournament has been arranged and two cups will be presented. The first prize was offered by the late Mr. J. Gould, and Mr. Ralph Dorrer donated the second. A number of new footballs were presented by Mr. H. G. McNeary, of the American Banknote Company, and Mr. A. Gilsen, Sub-Manager of the Peninsula Hotel.

The Honorary President of the Club is Mr. A. K. Dimond, the President is Mr. Tsui Tim, and the Secretary Mr. J. W. Mills.

Golf

COMPETITIONS AT FANLING

Match Play Stages Of Captain's Cup

SEVERAL golf competitions were played at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club over the week-end.

The following were the second round results in the match play stages of the Captain's Cup—J. W. Mayhew (10) beat G. Huddell-Carre one up; D. S. Edwards (4) beat M. J. Reidy five and four; N. K. Littlejohn (10) beat J. Forbes (12) and J. T. Smith (2) beat S. T. Butlin (15) two and one.

A QUALIFIER

D. Humphreys retained 73 (7) 66 to qualify during the January qualifying competition of the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley. There were 10 entries.

BOGEY PAR POOL

There were 14 entries for the Bogey (Par) Pool over the New Course at Fanling during the week-end.

Hole-in-one At Deep Water Bay

G. W. Roove, playing the third hole (185 yards) of the Deep Water Bay Course on Sunday, holed in one.

This was won by J. Linnker (17); one up. One card of two up was returned, but was disqualified.

G. M. Young Cup

In the semi-final of the G. M. Young Cup, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation beat Dowdell and Co. and will meet Butterfield and Swire in the final.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS DRAW

Following is the draw for the Colony Chess championships:

January 10—D. S. Litvin v. D. E. de Carvalho; L. Blair v. O. V. Praslov; K. Weiss v. V. Katschoff; E. Zimmerman v. A. Kurrik v. Sir II. Pollock.
January 25—O. V. Praslov v. D. S. Litvin; V. Katschoff v. L. Blair; A. Y. Brikhoff v. K. Weiss; Sir II. Pollock v. E. Zimmerman; K. M. A. Barnett v. A. Kurrik.
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February 22—K. M. A. Barnett v. D. S. Litvin; Sir II. Pollock v. D. E. de Carvalho; A. Y. Brikhoff v. O. V. Praslov; A. Kurrik v. L. Blair; E. Zimmerman v. K. Weiss.
March 7—E. Zimmerman v. D. S. Litvin; A. Kurrik v. D. E. de Carvalho; K. M. A. Barnett v. O. V. Praslov; Sir II. Pollock v. V. Katschoff; K. Weiss v. L. Blair.
March 14—D. S. Litvin v. K. Weiss; D. E. de Carvalho v. A. Kurrik; V. Katschoff v. L. Blair; O. V. Praslov v. E. Zimmerman; A. Y. Brikhoff v. K. M. A. Barnett; A. Y. Brikhoff v. Sir II. Pollock; K. M. A. Barnett v. A. Kurrik.
March 21—L. Blair v. D. S. Litvin; K. Weiss v. D. E. de Carvalho; E. Zimmerman v. V. Katschoff; A. Kurrik v. O. V. Praslov; Sir II. Pollock v. A. Y. Brikhoff; K. M. A. Barnett v. A. Kurrik.

SARAZEN CHALLENGES RYDER CUP TEAM

Selections Considered Non-Representative

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Gene Sarazen, who was not chosen for the American Ryder Cup team, which would have played England this winter but for the war, thinks the United States squad is "fine-on paper," but is afraid it looks better on paper than it would have in actual competition with the British team.

Cannot Use "Boy Friend As Caddy"

THE "BOY FRIEND CADDY" incident, which caused universal interest among Australian golfers, was brought to a close at the general meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union.

A letter from the English Union rescinding the decision of the New South Wales match committee, was read and accepted.

Some time ago a player in the semi-final of her club championship permitted a friend to caddy for her over the last few holes of the match, which she won on the last green.

A regulation of the Australian Union reads: "No competitor may employ other than a recognised caddy."

Much discussion took place, and the match committee gave a decision which did not meet with general approval—applied a rule of golf and allowed the matter to stand.

INDEPENDENT RULE

THE incident was referred to England, and the following letter was received in reply:

"The Emergency Committee of the English L.G.U. considers that the player in question should be disqualified. The Australian Union caddy rule is one to be used independently of the Royal and Ancient's Rules of Golf. They do not contradict or over-ride each other, but deal with separate sides of the game. The officials in charge of these events should deal with any infringement of this rule as soon as it comes to their knowledge whether received from an opponent or some other source."

He added that Fred Corcoran, the P.G.A. tournament manager had said that he had already had bids from two or three southern players for a match between the Ryder Cup team and some other group of players. "I'd like to see my team play against it," he said.

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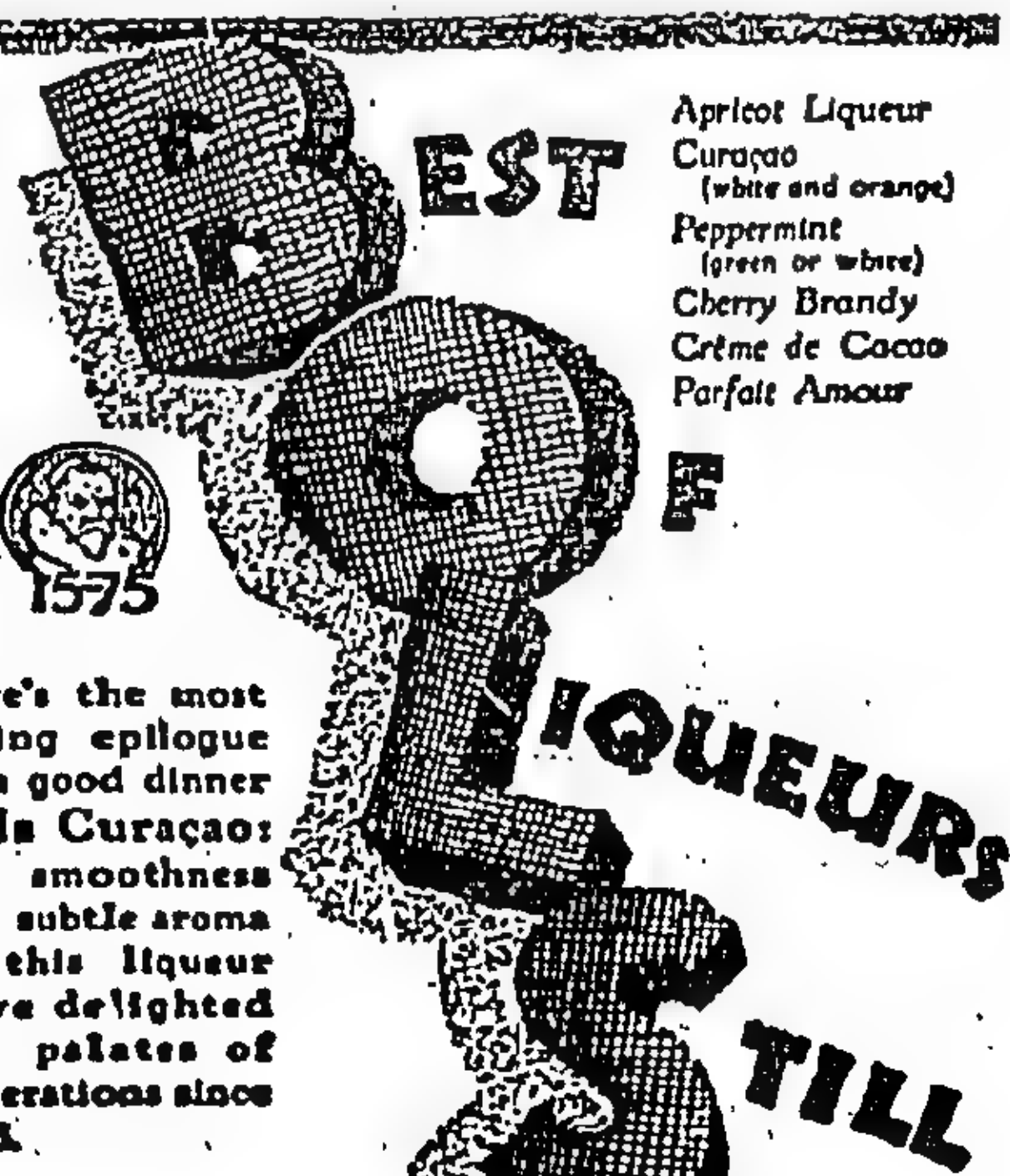
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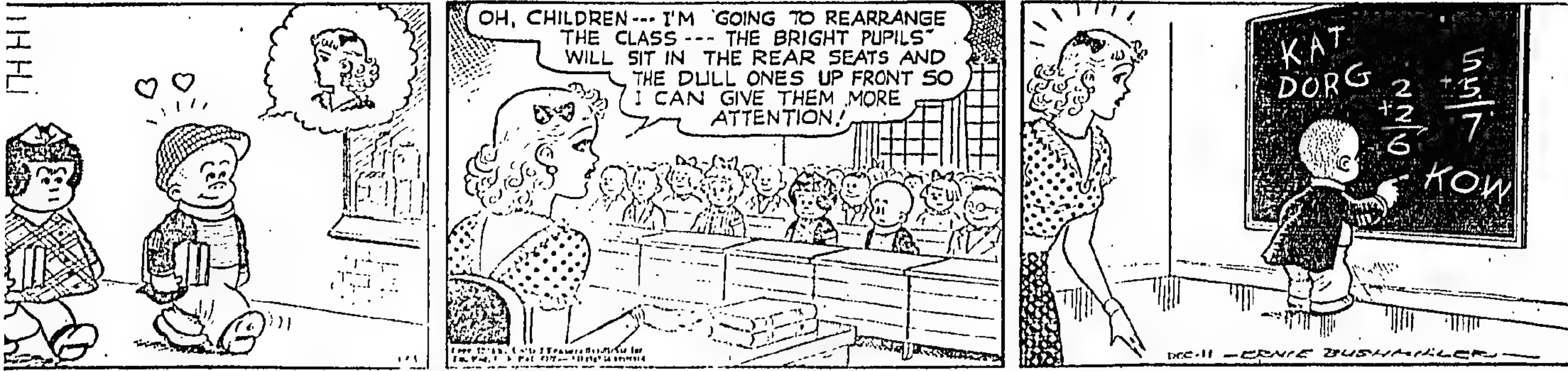
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Goodbye, Mr. Chips

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"CHIPS"

"OH, hello, Chipping," greeted Masters. "How are you? Congratulations... Yes."

"Er—thank you," murmured Chips. "My wife would so like to meet you. May I bring her in? We'll only stay a moment." He turned in the doorway to call: "Come in, Kathie."

She entered, looking most radiant and beautiful. She was a vision as she stood there, at Chip's side, smiling at the masters who stiffened as though to "Attention!" at drill, and stared.

"Er—these are my colleagues, my dear. Mr. Raven."

Raven bowed, a fixed, blank smile on his face.

"Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Porter, Watson—" There was an incredulous, baffled expression in Porter-Watson's eyes.

"Mr. Hildersley, Mr. McCulloch," continued Chips's voice.

KATHIE made a general bow in smiling acknowledgment of the introductions. "It's so nice to meet you—just a little terrifying."

"Won't...won't you sit down?" gulped Porter-Watson. And at this invitation the spell that had held them silent and amazed was broken; they all rushed to fetch a chair for her.

"I'm afraid I oughtn't to break into a private room," said Kathie. "Not at all." "It isn't at all private—certainly not!" chorused a number of voices.

"Why, Chips told me it was terribly private!"

"Chips?" muttered Hildersley vaguely.

"My dear, I told you not to," said Chips, very much embarrassed. He explained: "It's just—er—a sort of nickname she's given me."

Murdoch sprang to his feet and slapped Chips heartily on the back. "Chips! Why didn't we think of that? You must stay and have tea with us, Mrs. Chips."

"Oh, I don't think we—" "Oh, you must." "Of course."

"Couldn't think of your leaving without tea." "Here comes Jenks with it now." The various masters all spoke at the same time.

SYNOPSIS

Chipping, the shy master at Brookfield School, is bachelor for 20 years and one of the masters most disliked by the boys of the school. Returning from the summer vacation which he spent on a walking tour in the Tyrol with a fellow instructor, Max Staedel, Chips is bringing back a bride. The masters are in dismay, for Max has told them Chipping is bringing his wife to the common room, to introduce her to them. Staedel slyly hints that Mrs. Chipping is elderly and red-nosed, but asks them to be kind to her for Chipping's sake.

"Well, then, I'd better pour it, hadn't I?"

They gathered about her. Relieving her of her handbag, another of her cape, a third of her gloves, and then they drew up their chair about the table.

"We'll want some more cups," said Hildersley.

"McCulloch doesn't drink tea," Mrs. Chipping said Raven, trying to edge his chair closer by pushing McCulloch's away.

"Don't talk nonsense!" cried McCulloch indignantly. "Of course I do—very frequently!" He got the first cup, and took it defiantly. The others offered plates of tea biscuits and little cakes to Kathie.

THE news of Chipping's wedding had spread something of wonder and consternation among the pupils.

While Chips and Kathie were having tea with the masters, a dozen or more boys had gathered in the corridor just outside the instructors' common room.

One of them was peeking through the keyhole, with half a dozen grouped back of him.

"Can you see her?" asked one boy.

"Is she old?"

"Shut up you fools! They'll hear us!"

"I can't see a thing if you keep shoving me!" complained the peeper.

"Who's shoving? What's she like?"

"She doesn't look much older than some of us," said the boy at the keyhole. "My eye! She calls him Chips!"

"Chips! What a rum name! What are they doing?"

The peeper continued. "She's made him buy a new hat and have his hair cut!"

"Poor old Chipping! It will kill him!"

"Quiet! Get back! They come out!"

The boys straightened up and "froze" their faces into expressions of painfully elaborate casualness, as the door opened and Chips ushered Kathie out, while the masters inside called further goodbyes, and asked her please to come again.

IT was quite evident to Chips what the boys in the corridor had been up to, and the look he gave them was none too friendly.

One boy raised his hat, with an "er—hello, sir." The other boys doffed their caps.

Chips, with a small, sheepish smile, grasped Kathie's arm to lead her away, but she stopped and smiled at the boys.

"Good evening! Are these some of your boys, dear?"

"Er—yes, Martin, Winthrop, Brown and—er—the rest of you—this is Mrs. Chipping."

"I hope we are going to meet again," Kathie smiled at them. "Indeed I know we are. Mr. Chipping wants to have a tea party for his boys every Sunday."

"Er—what's that?" asked Chips, hearing of his desire for the first time, but Kathie spoke quickly through his undertone: "I think it would be nice if you boys started the ball rolling by coming next Sunday."

"Oh thank you! We'll be glad to!" cried the boys delightedly.

"You said four o'clock, didn't you?" Kathie asked Chips.

"I—er—yes, four o'clock."

"Four o'clock then," said Kathie, giving the boys her most radiant smile. "We shall look forward to it. Good night." She tucked her arm into Chips' and they walked away amid the astonished and delighted good nights of the boys.

"Not bad, eh?" remarked one of the taller boys.

"She's pretty," said another.

"Pretty, you ass! She's wonderful!"

THAT first Sunday tea party for Chips' pupils was a great success.

Chips sat in his chair by the fire, smoking his pipe, and watching with amused pride Kathie's way with the boys.

"Have another crumpet, Martin," she said to a tall, healthy-looking lad. "You've hardly eaten anything."

"I'm in training, Mrs. Chipping."

"Martin is one of our best footballers," explained Chips. "He ought to get his colours this term."

"Really?" asked Kathie. "Do you think we'll beat Sedbury, Martin?"

"We ought to—"

"The Sedbugs are funks anyway," cut in another boy.

"The what?" asked Kathie puzzled.

"Sedbugs—that's our name for them."

"I see. And what do they call you? The Brookleas?" after the roar of laughter that met her sally had died down, she continued: "Well, if you win the match, Mr. Chipping and I must give you a feast of victory." The boys enjoyed themselves so much that they stayed until Chips had to send them away so they wouldn't be late for chapel.

"What a nice lot they are," remarked Kathie, after the last boy had gone.

"They certainly are when you get to know them like this, though what authority I shall have in class after these orgies—"

"Ten times more," said Kathie, "because they'll look upon you as a friend."

"What a revolutionary you are."

She brushed the tobacco from his coat. "Try one of these jokes you've always kept hidden away—and see what happens."

"No, Kathie," he cried in mock alarm. "There's a limit even to revolutions!"

BUT in the Latin class next day, as he stood before the blackboard upon which he had printed in large letters, LEX CANULEIA, something strange and new came over him.

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"Can anybody tell me what is the Lex Canuleia?"

Not a hand was raised. He called on Mason. Mason didn't know.

"It was the law that allows patricians to marry plebeians," Chips explained, and over his face passed an expression of one about to take a plunge into strange waters which he fears are very cold. He took a deep breath and went on: "It was a very handy law. For if Mr. Patrician told Miss Plebs that he was sorry but he couldn't marry her, after they made the Lex Canuleia she probably replied, 'Oh, yes you can, you liar.'"

For a moment there was no response to his experimental joke.

An expression of alarm was forming on his face and he was turning back to the blackboard when a sudden storm of laughter hit him like a wave. The boys laughed so long that he had to tell them: "That will be enough, thanks," Martin, however, could not stop.

"It's very kind of you, Martin, to express such violent appreciation of my—er—little joke, but we mustn't return you to your parents with a broken blood vessel."

Laughter broke out again, and Chips felt a little surge of triumph sweep over him.

TO-MORROW APRIL FOOL

The Police Reserve

Police Reserve orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police are:

Chinese Company
Recruits who have not passed Part I of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday, at 5:30 p.m. for instruction under Sub-Inspector Chan Chun-ung. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle, chain, truncheon.

Patrol duties as ordered.

Indian Company
Correction—Constable R208 M. S. Veda taken on the strength from December 22 should read Constable R209 Gurcharn Singh.

The undermentioned will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, at 5:15 p.m. for squad drill under Sub-Inspector Mehdi Khan:

Constables M. Ali, A. Karim, Sarwar Khan, M. Azeem, A. Hamid, B. Abbas, A. Mohamed, Abdullah Khan, M. Ramzan, Rengar Ali, N. Khan, M. A. Hamet, A. B. Perce, H. Khan, Gurcharn Singh, Mohamed Currim, Sultan Khan, M. Yekub, H. Hokeen. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt, brace, whistle, chain truncheon.

Patrol duties as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve
Recruits will parade at No. 2 Police Station at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday for Squad Drill.

The following will attend King's Park revolver range on Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. to fire Part III Training Course—Constables Huiyuen, J. P. de Siqueira, F. J. Medina, A. P. Delgado, S. S. L. de Paria, F. de Sousa, A. R. P. Pereira, L. Castilho, A. J. Baptista, C. A. B. Gomes, F. J. Delgado, F. C. Teodoro, B. G. Ivanchenko, B. O. Harris. Meet at Star Ferry, Kowloon, at 10:10.

A N.C.O.'s meeting will be held at No. 2 Police Station on Tuesday, at 5:10 p.m. Patrol duties as ordered.

Criminal Sessions

Many cases are to come up before the Criminal Sessions, on Monday, including one of murder. Following is the list:

Wong Ngai, possession of dangerous drugs;

Chan Tung and five others, robbery and accessory before the fact;

Pang Tak, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Yip Kau and another, robbery by two or more;

Hu Kin, alias Ho Kau, armed robbery; Chu Kwai, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Wan Fong, alias Wan Kwong, robbery with violence;

Wong Kau, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Li Sang, Wu Wing, Ho On, Pun Fat, Wong Lee, Chan Tai, a woman, and Wong Wah, conspiracy, forgery of documents, possession of forged documents, possession of forged dyer, uttering forged documents, demanding money on forged documents, and embezzlement;

Tung Ying, robbery with violence;

Chang San, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Wong Sang and Li Kam-lam, demanding money on forged documents, conspiracy to defraud;

Li King-fai, forgery of postal letters; Cheung Choi, Lam Hing, robbery by two or more;

Yin Chai, armed robbery; Cheung Yau, Kun Kun Tai robbery; Chan Hing, Chan Sung, Cheung Tak-kwai, attempted robbery by two or more, conspiracy to rob and abducting from living evidence;

Lau Tin-yung, Lau Tau, murder.



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HITLER SPIES AS 'DUTCH POLICE'

AMSTERDAM.

A WIDESPREAD plot to smuggle into Holland a number of German spies, dressed in Dutch uniforms, has been unearthed here following the arrest of a young Dutch Nazi.

The man, named Albrink, was stopped by Customs officials at Rammelbeck, on the German frontier.

The car he was driving was searched and in it were found trunk loads of Dutch uniforms—those of military police, ordinary police, railway guards and postmen.

Inside Frontier
Albrink, whose home was in the Dutch frontier town of Denekamp, worked for a garage proprietor in Northhorn, just inside Germany.

As he was thus constantly crossing the frontier, he apparently thought he would not be challenged by the Customs.

But he had been watched by the authorities for some time and they struck just as his plan neared fruition. It is supposed that Albrink, acting on instructions, bought the uniforms from secondhand clothes dealers in Holland.

To Be Copied
He was taking them to Germany so that they might be copied. Nazi spies would thus have been enabled to cross the frontier in Dutch disguises and, when they arrived, have a greater freedom of movement than ordinary people.

Both Albrink and his father are members of the Dutch Nazi Party.

NOVELIST SUES FILM COMPANY

**Declares Book Was
Plagiarised**

A dispute over alleged resemblances between a film, "The Man who Changed his Mind," and a novel, "The Man who Had Sold his Brain," came before Mr. Justice Lewis in the King's Bench Division in London last month.

George Vicomte de Mauduit sued Gaumont British Picture Corporation Ltd., claiming damages for infringement of the copyright in his book, alleging that the film was a plagiarism. The defence was a denial of the allegations.

Mr. G. P. Eddy, K.C., for the Vicomte, said that since 1920 he had lived in England and had been employed with engineering firms. He retired in 1929 and had since done a good deal of literary work. In 1930 he completed the novel and had about 40 copies of the manuscript made for circulation among literary agents, publishers and friends.

It did not succeed in getting the book published, but in January, 1933, he negotiated with agents for the sale of the film rights. In April, 1933, the Vicomte saw an evening newspaper announcement that the film, "The Man who Changed his Mind," was in production. The film was screened in October, 1933.

Mr. Eddy said the Vicomte alleged that there were 53 similarities between his book and the film. "Finding the lead in the film was Boris Karloff, the very artist whom he had in mind for the leading role."

Scientists' Experiments
In both film and book, continued Mr. Eddy, the chief character was a foreign scientist, the basic idea was the transfer of the brain between two individuals. In both, a lecture by the scientist created an uproar in the medical profession, and there were experiments with electrical apparatus, part of which was a chair in which a person could be imprisoned.

Vicomte de Mauduit, in evidence, said that, as far as he knew, when he conceived the idea of the novel in 1928 it was original. In 1929 he had made a fortune of £110,000, but lost practically all in a financial crash.

Mr. Eddy, cross-examining: Do you suggest you have a monopoly of the idea of writing a film or a play on this theme?—I don't.

Vicomte de Mauduit agreed that the same idea had been used in a different way by H. G. Wells. Mr. Eddy also suggested that it was used by Barry Pain in "Exchange of Souls." In that book a scientist experimented with a young girl.

**BRITAIN'S CAR
TRADE BOOMS**

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—While the German radio on Sunday announced the abandonment of Germany's export motor car trade as a result of the Allied blockade, the export of British cars to Australia, India, Burma, Portugal and Uruguay for the first three months of the war reached record figures.

The Society of Car Manufacturers states that there were also increases in the number of cars shipped to West India, East Africa, Malaya, Canada and South Africa.

1914-18 AIR ACES IN FRANCE

MEN who between 1914 and 1918 fought aerial battles over the German lines are now helping to fight aerial battles from the ground. Aerial combat is a young man's job, and they are too old to take to the air again.

Many are members of the staff organisation that directs the present generation of fighter pilots of the R.A.F. to successful action. Some are in ground jobs at Fighter Command stations. Others again are at the Air Ministry.

These men were among the first to respond when the R.A.F. was expanded on a war basis. They still carry pilot's wings on their tunics, but the only flying most of them do is in communication aircraft, just as business men use a car in the day's work.

Ribbons Tell History

Their history is told by rows of medal ribbons. A veteran of four wars won his first decoration in the Matabelé campaign, long before the first aircraft left the ground. At the time R.A.F. station is a linen officer who wears the uniform of the Navy.

Others fought the Distinguished Flying Cross in the last war for sinking a submarine from an airship. Others fought the Distinguished Flying Cross in the last war for sinking a submarine from an airship.

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Brought Down 17
A grey-haired pilot who wears the ribbon and bar of the Distinguished Flying Cross and was officially credited with having brought down 17 German aircraft is delighted to be again flying service aircraft, after 21 years' interval.

In those days he flew Camels. "Grand machines," he found them, but he is still young enough to see both sides of a question. "We had no parachutes," he says, "and engine failure was all too common, but the machine was slow, could be landed almost any field. With the modern Service machine you have a parachute that really works, and there are many aerobics, but you also have high landing speeds and three or four times as many controls to operate." His sixteen-year-old son is an expert multiplane pilot. "I left school to get into the R.A.F.," he says, "now my boy is hoping against hope that he will get his chance. I dare not try and put him off—and I don't think I want to."

LETTERS
WREATHS
To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—In Hongkong there are such economical people who think that wreaths are a waste of money and so would rather contribute the cost of them to charity.

They will not even lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in order to send £25 to the Benevolent Society.

But are wreaths made of flowers grown locally a waste of money?

To those who think they are, let them bear in mind that the money spent not only goes to clothe and feed the flower stallholder and his family but also benefits the gardener.

LATE NEWS

Nazis Execute "Malcontent" Soldiers

A NUMBER of German soldiers have been executed at Lorrach, near the Rhine, states the Daily Mail Daily Correspondent.

Swiss people have heard bursts of machine-gun fire from a stone-quarry which has previously been used by the Nazis for the execution of malcontents.

Three Beheaded
THREE men who had been sentenced to death for high treason by the People's Court in Berlin were beheaded recently. They were said to have supplied information to a "foreign intelligence service."

One of their accomplices, states the official German News Agency, was executed some time ago.

Vernichtungslieg!
AFTER the long-promised German "Vernichtungslieg" (lightning war) comes the "Vernichtungslieg." This means "Victory based on complete annihilation of the entire armed forces of the enemy is the main strategic object of a successful war in the West, according to a book by General Erhart, who coined the term "Vernichtungslieg."

An ordinary victory may enable the enemy to retreat, says General Erhart. So the slogan of the German Army must be "Vernichtungslieg!"

Tallest Soldier
LEO GRABOWSKY, said to be the tallest soldier in the Polish Army, who was taken prisoner by the Russians, has been sent back to Germany as it was discovered that he was a German. Grabowsky is 7ft. high, states the Hamburger Fremdenblatt.

He has become quite a celebrity in Germany and has joined the Army. He is described by the papers as being among the "trophy" of the Polish campaign.

Million Will Move
AGREEMENT has been reached between Berlin and Moscow on the exchange of minorities in Poland. According to German estimates, 115,000 peasants of German nationality and 1,000,000 Russians, Ukrainians and Ruthenians will be transferred.

Many Polish Jews are expected to take advantage of the more liberal Soviet views on nationality to declare themselves Russians or Ukrainians.

"Mother Medals"
GERMAN mothers who have had four or more children are given special medals "with the compliments of the Führer." In Munich alone, according to the Deutsche Münchner Zeitung, 4,000 were distributed in the past six months to women aged between 20 and 70. There will be a new distribution next month for mothers aged 50. They number 4,000.

Thirty per cent. of all medals are given to mothers with eight or more children, says the paper.

"Destroy Hitler"
A MANIFESTO to the German people demanding the destruction of a Free Germany was read on the German Free Radio.

The announcer said that after the Munich bomb explosion the leaders of the German Socialist Freedom Party met somewhere in Germany and issued the manifesto.

"The struggle is not waged by foreign countries or foreign agents, but by millions of German workers," said the broadcast. "The third, fourth, or fifth blow will strike down Hitler. But we want more. We are not satisfied with the destruction of Hitler and his party. We want a Free Germany."

**All Ears For
Hore-Belisha**

**Commons Statement
Eagerly Awaited**

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Although there is widespread interest in the personal statement which Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, will make in the House of Commons to-morrow, there is always the possibility that the much-heralded debate may come to nothing, says "Reuter's" Lobby correspondent.

May Avoid Controversy
It is considered possible that he may take the line that no unnecessary controversy should be aroused at present.

Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement is likely to begin between 3.15 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain is due to make his review of the progress of the war immediately afterwards.

The Prime Minister probably will preface his statement with comments on Mr. Hore-Belisha's speech.

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Germans Receive Dutch, Belgian Protest CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Jan. 16
(UP).—Unofficial infor-
mation received at The
Hague claims that Ger-
many has massed 600,000
men on the Belgian and
Netherlands frontiers.

This is roughly equal to the
number who were massed
there during the Novem-
ber crisis, when it was
feared that the Nazi
blitzkrieg invasion of the
Lowlands was imminent.
Of the 600,000 men, 18 divisions
are massed along the Dutch
frontier and the remainder,
41 divisions, along the Belgian
frontier.

According to the Germans, these
concentrations are merely reserves
for the Siegfried Line.

It is understood that both Hol-
land and Belgium have vigorously
protested against the concentra-
tions.

As a result of the Lowlands' pro-
tests, the German High Command is
reported to have withdrawn the men
slightly from the frontiers, and has
explained that the concentrations
along the Rhineland are essential for
the safety of the Reich.

Well-informed quarters at The
Hague state, however, that the pro-
test of so many German troops near the
frontiers will need very careful
watching under any circumstances.

WANTONLY SUNK

Germans Torpedo Dutch Steamer

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15 (Reu-
ter).—The 8,000-ton Dutch
steamer, Arendskerk, bound for
South Africa from Antwerp was
torpedoed by a German sub-
marine in the Bay of Biscay, 100
miles off Ushant. She sank
immediately.

The Italian steamer, Fedora, saved
all the occupants. The steamer
carried a crew of 65 but no passen-
gers.

Sunk After Search

Captain Wilkeer of the Arendskerk
telegraphed his company, the United
Netherlands Company of The Hague,
that the ship was torpedoed after
being searched.

Of the crew, 26 are Europeans and
the remainder British Indians.
The vessel was carrying 4,000 tons
of cargo, consisting of neutral piece-
goods.

Indignation in Holland

There was very great indignation
in Dutch shipping circles when the
first news arrived. Further details
are being awaited before any definite
opinion is officially voiced.

BRITISH CONSUL RETIRE

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—
Sir Herbert Phillips, the retiring
British Consul General, left Shang-
hai this morning in the President
Coolidge for the United States en
route to England on retirement.

A large distinguished gathering at-
tended the official farewell yester-
day on the Bund.

Sir Herbert has been 42 years in
the service in China under five
British monarchs. He came to China
as a student interpreter in 1898 and
has held posts in practically every
important centre in China.

Air Ministry Cancels All Royal Air Force Leave "BLITZKRIEG" AERIAL AGAINST BRITISH ISLES?

BELIEVED REASON FOR PRECAUTIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15 (UP).—THE REASON
FOR THE PRECAUTIONS ADOPTED BY
THE LOWLANDS—HOLLAND AND BEL-
GIUM—IS BELIEVED IN WELL-INFORM-
ED QUARTERS TO BE NOT SO MUCH THAT
A DIRECT GERMAN INVASION IS FEARED
BUT THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE
RECEIVED "INSIDE INFORMATION"
THAT GERMANY HAS DECIDED TO BEGIN
TOTALITARIAN AERIAL WARFARE IN
THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

Germany's recent intensification of aerial re-
connaissance over the coasts of Scotland and
England are cited in support of this theory.

Amsterdam newspapers take pains this
morning to reassure the populace that there is
no direct danger to Holland; nor, they state, are
there any indications of Nazi pressure on the
Dutch Government.

A new phase in aerial warfare between Germany and
the Allies would, however, intensify the international
situation, and for this reason Holland is taking all
necessary measures to maintain her neutrality.

Her geographical situation between the warring
nations would, in the event of an aerial "blitzkrieg"
render her position somewhat delicate.

An official statement this morning claims that the
decision to cancel all Army leave has been misunderstood
abroad.

Nevertheless, there are new indications that both the
Netherlands and Belgium have not mobilised from any

BIG NORTH SEA FIGHT

Thrilling Details Of Encounter

LONDON, Jan. 15
(Reuter).—The Air Minis-
try has released further
details of Wednesday's air
battle between R.A.F. bom-
bers and Nazi fighters.

The planes, nine Bristol Blen-
heims, were reconnoitring in
formation at a height of 5,000
feet when they were inter-
cepted by the new fast Messer-
schmidt 110's at a point 150
miles north-west of the German
island of Borkum.

Formation Beats Nazis

The British squadron leader turned
the formation to lead the enemy
away from their base and closed the
formation.

Unable to find a blind spot from
below, the Nazis spent almost half
an hour attacking from the front,
sides, and directly astern.

The formation was only broken
when the engines of one British
bomber were put out of action, and
it fell astern. It was shot down by
several Messerschmidts.
The other eight British Blenheims
continued flying in even closer
formation and soon one Nazi fighter
received a full burst. As it crashed
into the sea, it sent up a large
column of water.

Germans Call It A Day

A second turned away, obviously
hit, while a third seemed to have
been seriously damaged.
One made a forced landing in
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of the Allies.
It is noteworthy that the
Massricht-Liege highway has
been closed for several hours,
and it is now reliably reported
that the Netherlands is com-
mencing to reinforce her south-
eastern frontier.

Unconfirmed reports state that
the Germans have concentrated
heavy additional forces in this area.
These include mobile divisions
capable of advancing over flooded
areas.

Warned By Princess?
There has been some slight relaxa-
tion of tension in Belgium. There,
the Government does not indicate
either why the forces were mobilised
or why some of the precautions
adopted have been relaxed.

The reports that Belgium received
a warning of an impending Nazi
invasion from Italian sources still
persist.
In this connection, it is being re-
called that the Crown Princess of
Italy, Princess Marie Jose, is a
Belgian.

Nearly 700,000 Belgians are now
under arms.

Belgian Precautions

The newly-constituted General
Staff, of which King Leopold is the
supreme Commander and which has
now taken over the destiny of Bel-
gium, has immediately adopted the
following measures:

1.—Direction of all military opera-
tions has been taken over from the
Ministry of Defence;
2.—Auxiliary military units have
been called up for service in the
famous Liege fortifications, which
stemmed the German advance in the
last war.

3.—Hundreds of civilians have
been evacuated from the Vupen,
Malmédy, and St Vith areas;
4.—All army men have been re-
called. An additional 30,000 to 40,000
men have been detailed for emer-
gency duties.

Allies Accused

Germany accuses France and Great
Britain of having instigated the
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RUSSIANS LAUNCH HEAVIEST RAIDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 16 (UP).—Red raids on
Finnish cities and towns during the past 48 hours have
been the heaviest experienced in warfare since Hitler
blasted his blood-path through Poland.

On Saturday alone, according to an official announcement,
160 planes participated in raids on various centres.

Between them, they dropped 1,100 bombs.
On Sunday, another 160 planes raided the countryside,
dropping over a thousand bombs on 27 localities.

Most of the Russian bombs
are incendiary, and only her-
culean work on the part of
volunteer fire fighters have pre-
vented huge conflagrations.

The bombardment of Aabo yester-
day was the heaviest ever experienced
by Finland.

Hundreds of buildings have been
completely demolished, and a heavy
fog is feared in this city.

In other parts of the country the
death toll has been remarkably light,
due to the precautions adopted by
Finland.

Throughout last week's raids only
10 persons were killed. Ninetythree
were wounded.

Most of the casualties were women
and children.

Reds Rain Down Bombs

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—
For the fourth successive day,
Soviet planes have been raining
bombs on towns in southern Fin-
land, but the morale of the Finns is
unaffected.

Healingfors had two alarms to-
day. The officer commanding the
air defence issued a statement de-
claring that the enemy, having suf-
fered reverse reverses at the front,
tried to avenge their defeats on the
population.

He stated that the enemy as a rule
made no attempt to seek targets of
military importance, but dropped
bombs on localities of small military
significance.

During the week, the enemy
dropped upwards of 2,000 bombs on
42 separate localities outside the war
zone and succeeded in killing 18
civilians, mostly women.

The majority of the casualties
belonged to the working class.

Pedestrians Machine-Gunned

Three hospitals were bombed.
Solitary pedestrians, and vehicles on
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CREW OF NAZI SHIP MUTINY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PAITA, Peru, Jan. 15 (UP).—The
crew of the NDL freighter Fries-
land, which vanished from Far
Eastern waters on the outbreak of
war and ultimately found refuge
here, have mutinied.

The crew refused to obey the or-
ders of the ship's officers, because the
owners had not paid their families 80
per cent of their salaries, as had
been agreed upon.

It is reported that the incident has
since been settled.

KING LEOPOLD AT HEAD OF ARMY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (UP).—KING LEOPOLD
HAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF ALL BEL-
GIUM'S ARMED FORCES, IN THE SAME
WAY THAT KING ALBERT DID DURING
THE WORLD WAR.

R.A.F. LEAVE CANCELLED

LONDON, Jan. 15 (From Reuter's Special Cor-
respondent with the British Air Forces in
France).—It is officially announced that for
the time being, leave for the British air
forces in France is cancelled.

This does not affect those at present on leave,
who will return at the normal time.

HOLLAND MAKES IT CLEAR

ROME, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is understood
that the former Dutch Prime Minister, Dr.
Colijn, told Count Ciano and other leading
Italians last week that complete solidarity existed
between Belgium and Holland, and that an
attack on one would mean an attack on the other.

Several Hollanders in Rome have packed and
are ready to return at a moment's notice, although they are
not liable for service.

BERLIN'S ACCUSATION

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The official German
news agency states that the British and French Govern-
ments "deliberately passed on information" to Amsterdam
and Brussels to induce the Netherlands and Belgian
Governments to carry out the precautionary measures
which they have taken.

M. Daladier, the French
Premier, saw the Belgian Am-
bassador to-day.

He also saw General Gamelin,
the Allied Commander-in-Chief.

Like Last November

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The
military measures taken by Belgium
and Holland, and the temporary can-
cellation of leave in the B.E.F., con-
tinue to be the subjects of much com-
ment in Britain and other parts of
the world.

No further statement has yet been
made about the cancellation of leave
for the B.E.F., but well-informed
circles in London point out that the
situation created over the week-end
seems to have been similar to that
in last November when the Low
countries were threatened by an
invasion from Germany.

Calmly Vigilant

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—
While the situation continues to be
calm to-night, Belgium's attitude is
described as calmly vigilant.

Political circles state that it is
unlikely that "Phase D" will be
changed and that it is unlikely that
there will be a return to "Phase C".

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LATEST

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Further Late News

REDS VEILED THREAT TO NORWAY, SWEDEN

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Norway's and Sweden's
"unneutral attitude," displayed by their sending aid and
volunteers to Finland, may, says the "Tass Agency,"
lead to "undesirable complications" and disturb the
normal relations with Soviet Russia.

It will be recalled that Norway
and Sweden, in reply to the
Soviet protest against Scandina-
vian Press commitment and sending
of volunteers to Finland, stated
that freedom of the Press existed
in the Scandinavian countries,
and that such volunteers as have
gone went as private individuals.
According to the Moscow radio,
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KING LEOPOLD AT HEAD OF ARMY

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There is a great change in the international situation. It is understood that the reason for the measures taken over the week-end was not due to discovery of plans on a German aeroplane which made a forced landing, but to political and military information received in Brussels.

Signs Of An Offensive

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is impossible to obtain authoritative information in Berlin to show whether the Belgio-Dutch defence measures are really justified by the German threat, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Danishblatt." Certain quarters in Berlin, however, are not surprised at these measures, since there are many signs to indicate that an offensive is planned for this month. That an offensive would open with a breach of Holland's neutrality, but events might lead to this.

The intense cold improves the possibilities of action in the flooded Low countries.

To End War Quickly

The only object of an immediate German offensive would be how to end the war very quickly. Soldiers of units visited by Hitler at Christmas have written home to the effect that Hitler told the troops that the war would be over by spring, but authoritative sources in Berlin describe such reports as nonsense.

The presence of large German concentrations near the Dutch frontier is no longer a military secret.

Relaxation Continues

BRUSSELS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Although relaxation of the tension continues, well-informed circles say that it would be premature to state that the situation is bound to return to normal.

King Leopold of the Belgians received M. Lubez Plerot, the Prime Minister yesterday afternoon.

M. Plerot also interviewed M. Paul Spaak, the Foreign Minister, who afterwards saw the Defence Minister.

Restrictions in the closing hours of cafes were removed yesterday evening.

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RUSSIANS LAUNCH HEAVIEST RAIDS

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The roads continue to be machine-gunned. None of our land lines of communication is threatened and traffic nowhere is seriously interrupted. A number of enemy planes destroyed and shot down during the week is well above the number of Finnish civilians killed. Viperis (Viborg) had the worst bombing of the war this afternoon. Many buildings were set on fire, and all the shops fronts in one street were blown away.

Twenty-two bombers participated in the raid.

Winged Death

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 15 (UP).—Scores of Russian planes raided Finland this morning.

Two planes were rounded in Helsingfors and three planes were seen bombing some distance north of the city.

The Finns believe that the Russians have decided to use their air supremacy before the Finns have acquired sufficient foreign fighting planes to meet the raids dangerous, and it is suggested that Russian pilots will attempt to frighten Sweden and Norway from continuing their aid to Finland.

It is believed the attempt will fail. An official communique says that the Finland Islands were among the targets bombed yesterday.

Vaasa suffered the worst damage in yesterday's air raids. Eight civilians including women and children were killed and many others were wounded. Damage to property was great.

Many Towns Bombed

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—A communique says that on January 14 the home area as well as the war zone experienced numerous air raids, and mentions that many towns were bombed.

The communique says that Vaasa suffered most. There were eight civilians, including women and children, killed and many wounded. Considerable material damage was done elsewhere. Casualties were relatively small.

300 Machines Take Part

Part of the enemy machines came from the Arctic over Norwegian territory.

The number of machines over Finland during the day is estimated at over 300. Three were shot down and the shooting down of another three awaits confirmation.

The wreckage of three more were found. There were among the unconfirmed cases reported on January 12.

Must Have More Help

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Finland must have more help from abroad if she is to counter the Soviet superiority in the air, a Finnish Location spokesman told "Reuter."

The partially cloudy weather in the last three days has enabled Russian bombers to approach their objectives and in this way 27 districts were bombed.

Morale Unbroken

Finland cannot counter this advantage, her chief air bases being on the south coast behind the Karelian Isthmus defences.

Despite constant strafing from the air, the morale of the Finns is unbroken, but it would be tragic if the world thought that Finland's great success on land meant that she was winning the war.

The Finns realised well that such successes were local successes only. Great masses of Russians are still being brought into play. Further-

NAZIS CLAIM THIS IS FRENCH TOWN



THIS GERMAN PHOTOGRAPH was taken on the Western Front, according to a German caption, shows a street running across a deserted street into which Maginot Line artillery fire is still pouring.—South China Photo Service.

GUNMEN SHOOT DOWN MAN IN THEATRE

Dramatic Shanghai Incident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (UP).—For the second time in her career, the noted Peiping actress, Hsin Yen-chiu appeared at a theatre to-day where gunmen stole the show.

While a crowded house anxiously awaited the debut of the famed actress, two Chinese gunmen, dressed in European clothes, stole up behind Yu Yi-fong, 60-year-old owner of the Kung Hsin Wu Pai Theatre in which Hsin Yen-chiu was making her debut, and opened fire.

Yu was hit by three bullets and died in hospital an hour later, while the gunmen also wounded in the leg Chang Yeh-ping, a playwright who was sitting next to the assassinated man.

NEW GOVERNOR OF GUAM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Navy Department has announced that Captain George J. McMillen, Commander of the repair ship Medusa, will become Governor of Guam and the Commandant of the Guam Naval Station on January 27.

While in Peiping, Hsin Yen-chiu was arrested by the Japanese military authorities, being suspected of conspiring to murder high Provisional Government officials.

According to the Japanese allegations, Hsin turned Mao Pu, chief secretary of the Hsin Yen-chiu, and also a high Provisional Government official to a Peiping Theatre where gunmen opened fire.

The bullets missed Mao, but wounded a friend who was nearby. Miss Hsin was released after a long grilling by the Japanese authorities, her freedom being secured largely through the efforts of influential Peiping residents.

BIG NORTH SEA FIGHT

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Denmark, and it is thought that another came down into the sea.

The Germans made no further attempts to attack, whereupon the British bombers returned to their original course and completed their reconnaissance.

R.A.F. Planes "Closely Watched"

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Saturday's long-distance survey flight of the R.A.F. over Greater Germany is now admitted by the Nazis.

At first the German radio denied that any such flights had taken place. On Sunday night, however, the official German news agency admitted that the flight had taken place, but "explained" that the R.A.F. planes were "watched very closely."

The agency claims that German observers watched the activity of the British planes very closely. They were all at a very great height.

Such flights are very dangerous, continues the agency, and not of much use anyway.

In view of the close watch kept on the R.A.F. planes, it is curious that they were not intercepted or attacked in any way.

No anti-aircraft guns opened up and the pilots reported having seen searchlights at one point only.

Fourth Day Of Bombings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Russians bombed Finnish cities and towns for the fourth successive day in a widespread gigantic effort to break the morale of the people.

It is reported the Russians are using big incendiary bombs extensively aiming at communication centres in an attempt to cut Finland off from the outside aid and break the backbone of her resistance.

The Finns expect that they must receive more fighting planes from abroad if they are going to be able to hold out. Except for fighting planes, Finland's resources will remain "purely local."

Arrested In Peiping

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Prepared For Anything

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Dutch military authorities continued to check on the country's defence preparations to-day, but no new measure was announced.

"Holland is prepared for anything, but it must not be assumed that there is any imminent danger at the moment," "Reuter" was told in The Hague.

There has been little development in the situation since yesterday. Intensive movements of German troops continue to be reported from across the frontier, but according to usually well-informed sources, the concentrations are much bigger opposite Belgium than opposite Holland.

Political quarters here have the impression that Belgium is playing the leading role in this particular crisis.

Rumours of a Belgio-Dutch military alliance are discounted at The Hague. It is pointed out that the positions of the two countries are very different.

Were Holland invaded it might be important that Belgium enter the war, but if Belgium were invaded, it might be far more advantageous to Belgium to have Holland neutral.

Meanwhile, the Dutch and Belgian Governments are keeping continual touch with each other.

The Dutch papers are dealing with the situation more fully than they did last November, and the population is noticeably less nervous, but crowds gather at the news-stalls where British and French newspapers are displayed and gravely discuss the London and Paris versions of the situation.

These versions are much more alarming than the accounts published here.

Unknown persons to-day smashed the windows of the German Travel Bureau in one of Amsterdam's main streets.

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emergency measures adopted by the Lowlands.

D.N.B., the official German news agency, comments to-day in the following vein: "In view of the impossibility of activity along the Maginot Line, Britain and France are now seeking to provoke Germany into entering Holland and Belgium."

Japanese Crew Rescued

Smart Work By U.S. Minesweeper

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—The American authorities at Guam have notified the Navy Department that the U.S. Minesweeper Penguin has rescued 24 members of the crew of the Japanese fishing boat Daiichi Maru which was wrecked on the southeast coast of Guam.

The report said they have asked the Governor of Saipan to take the survivors to Saipan, which is a closely guarded Japanese island, in which military authorities have been long interested.

The island is reported to be a fortified base.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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REDS VEILED THREAT TO NORWAY, SWEDEN

FROM PAGE ONE

Russia is not satisfied with this reply and hopes that the two countries will not be brought into the war against the Soviet Union.

Reds Violate Territory

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Swedish Government is to make a protest against the dropping of bombs in Swedish territory on Sunday.

One report states that the son of the Crown Prince and the governor of the district involved have confirmed that the bombs were of Russian manufacture.

Soviets Accused

OSLO, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Government has instructed the Legation in Moscow to lodge an energetic protest against the violation of the Norwegian frontier by Soviet planes.

An official statement says that several Soviet planes crossed the frontier at different points on January 12 and 14.

Cross Norwegian Border

OSLO, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Soviet planes operating in the northern Finnish front crossed the Norwegian frontier, according to Press reports. These reports added that one plane even landed on the Norwegian side of the Pasvik River, but took off again almost immediately.

Sweden's Reply

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (UP).—Replying to Russia's note, Foreign Minister, M. Guenther, said Sweden has no political grievances against Russia and expressed the hope for the mutual elimination of misunderstandings.

Norway's Reply

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSLO, Jan. 15 (UP).—Norway replied to Russia on January 8, hinting that Norway would permit the transport of arms across Norwegian territory.

They deny that arms have passed through Norway in the past, but draw attention to the fact that such action would not be a violation of international law. The charges against the Norwegian government were based on inaccurate information, the government emphasises that it will remain neutral.

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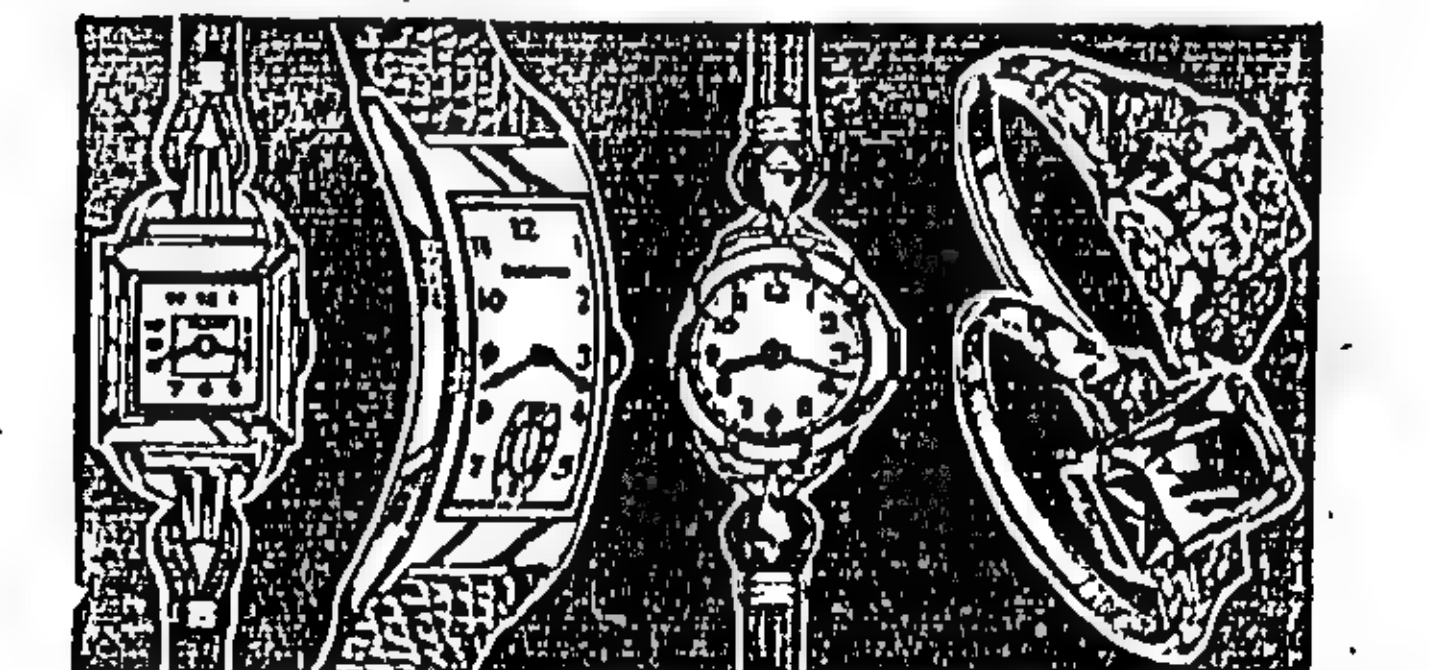
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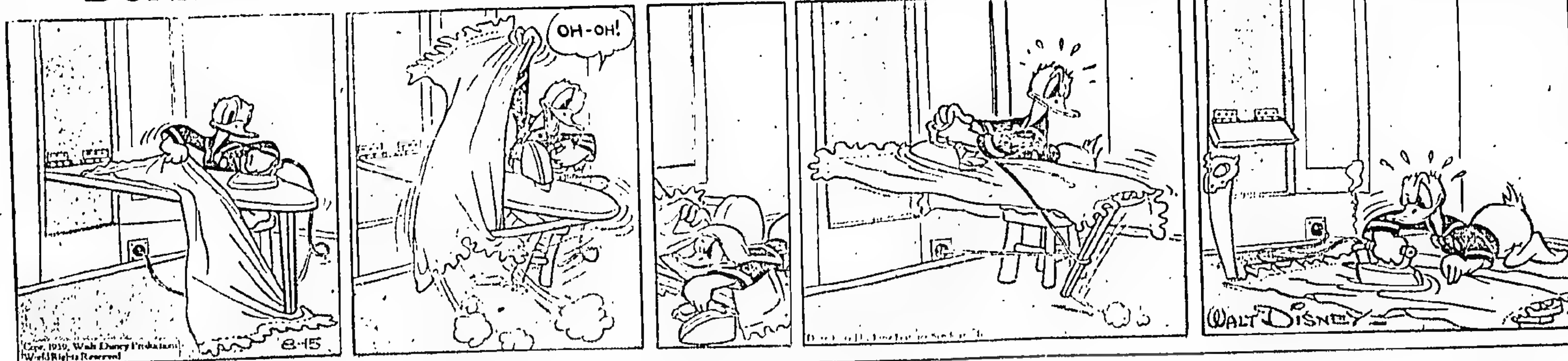


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 10.30 A Concert by Simon Barer (Piano) and Natan Milstein (Violin).
 11.00 London Relay—"In England Now."
 11.15 Close Down.

BITTER HUPEH FIGHTING

FENGLO, Jan. 16 (Reuters).—For six days and nights, Chinese and Japanese troops have engaged in bitter fighting in Central Hupeh, according to Chinese report, which adds that the Chinese succeeded in capturing Kuopu, Nanchinshi, Wang-chiao and Sungchiang.

CHINESE ENCIRCLE CHUNGSIANG: COUNTER-OFFENSIVE REPULSED

Considerable fighting took place around Chungsiang during the last few days, and as a result, Chinese sources claim, the city, which is situated on the east bank of the Han River 35 miles west of Kingshan, is encircled by the Chinese.

A Japanese counter-offensive at Huangchiang and Yangtzu-chuan, near Chungsiang, has been repulsed. The Japanese attack was supported by planes.

Chinese troops also took the offensive at Chuchiang, Kuopu and Wuyang. They are said to have met with success and are now clearing up the remnant Japanese.

Artillery duels have taken place between the Chinese and Japanese forces at Tienkiang, on the south bank of the Han River, about 95 miles above Hankow. A Japanese thrust northeast of Tienkiang last Sunday was hurled back.

A force of 2,000 Japanese troops, from Yoyang and Linsiang attacked Tienkiang on Sunday but failed to dislodge the Chinese in the resultant fighting which lasted 24 hours. The Japanese then set fire to 300 civilian houses, the Chinese allege.

Lightning Attack

In a lightning attack, the Chinese broke into Shushui in east Shantung last week. The Japanese troops, cornered at the south-eastern part of the town, are stated to have suffered serious losses.

From Changshu comes a report that fighting broke out at Tayeh, a mining town 60 miles south-east of Wuchang, yesterday morning when two Chinese columns made a sudden attack. Hand-to-hand fighting ensued outside the south gate. Some 800 casualties were reported.

U.S. AMBASSADOR ENDS HOLIDAY

On His Way Back To Shanghai

PEIPING, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, left for Chinwangtao en route to Shanghai early this morning, accompanied by his private secretary, his Military Attache, Major Mayer, and the Naval Attache, Lt. Comdr. H.E. Overish.

The party boarded the United States transport, Henderson, for Chinwangtao.

It is learned that Mr. Johnson is proceeding to Chungking after staying a short time in Shanghai, though the date of his visit is not disclosed.

He arrived at Peiping last month and spent Christmas and New Year with his wife and family.

Attacks were inflicted upon the Japanese and a large quantity of Japanese arms and ammunition was seized.

A part of the Chinese force broke into the town and set fire to three Japanese supply depots.

Japanese reinforcements were called out from Fankow, a town up the river.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE FOR R.A.F. MEN

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—The crew of a R.A.F. bomber escaped injury to-day when their machine crashed near a forest but, on falling to take off, the crew were able to jump out before the crash and, although the bombs on the machine exploded with the impact, shaking houses over six miles, the R.A.F. men were unhurt.

ZEESEN'S DEADLY POISON

"Truth Legion" Formed As Counter

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—Describing the outpouring from Zeesen radio as "deadly poison," the "unassuming public," General Smuts, in a message to the South African Truth Legion, dealt with the danger to the South African people of the insidious forms of Nazi propaganda which is being directed against them through the air and in the Press. The Truth Legion is an organization recently formed to combat such propaganda.

The South African Prime Minister said: "The only means of defence is for us to spread truth as against lies, to create goodwill as against mischief and insidious malice, to hold aloft light as against the mental darkness and moral blackout with which we are menaced. Let us have faith in truth and its all-conquering powers."

War Brings New Records To Railways

Amazing Increase In Freight Carrying

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—Something of what the war has involved for one of the four great British Railway Systems is revealed by the figures of L.M.S. traffic from September, to the end of 1939. The company claims to have made history in the carriage of freight.

In these four months the L.M.S. operated the biggest number of loaded wagon miles in its existence. The total reached over 520 millions compared with 425 millions in the same period in 1938, and it represented about ten and half million loaded wagon journeys.

Every day an average of 4,000 freight trains were run for the conveyance of loaded traffic—an increase of 500 compared with a year ago.

Work During Black-outs

It is pointed out that this greatly increased freight traffic has been handled to a large extent, in black-out and at the same time as the line has had to deal with a large volume of other priority traffic, amounting to over 11,000 special passenger trains, including troop trains, leave trains and "evacuation specials."

Despite these heavy demands for war purposes the company has progressively restored its ordinary services to the public to a point where the density of passenger train operation is estimated at 70 per cent. that of the peace-time normal.

Southern Railway has also issued its returns for the first four months of the war which show that the Company ran 1,317 special trains for naval, military and R.A.F. personnel.

CONSCRIPTION TRIBUNAL

Public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, No. 22 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, January 22, Friday, January 26 and Monday, January 29.

BIGGER U.S. NAVY WANTED

In Case The Allies Lose The War!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, (UP).—The possibility of the Allies losing the war was reiterated by Rear-Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of the United States Naval Operations to-day, when he gave further testimony before the Naval Committee concerning America's re-armament programme.

He said that the defeat of the Allies and the surrender of the Allied Fleet to Germany were among the possibilities he had considered when he reached his estimate for a 25 per cent. increase in U.S. naval strength as being necessary to protect America.

He added that the proposed expansion would pay particular attention to submarines, especially those capable of long-range cruising, which would be suitable for operation in the South Atlantic. Submarine tonnage would be increased by 55 per cent.

Doubts About Aid

In response to a question whether or not it was desirable to assume that the United States would have allies in a war against a combination of enemies, Admiral Stark declared: "I have serious doubts whether anybody would come to our aid from purely altruistic motives. It might be that later on it would not pay them to see us defeated, but I do not think we should base our programme on such a hypothesis."

More \$ For Armaments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, (Reuters).—Owing to the accelerated pace of naval building, President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Mr. William B. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives, asking Congress to provide an additional \$31,000,000 immediately for armament and ammunition.

This is additional to the \$46,000,000 provided for the same purpose last year.

Wants Bigger Submarines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—Rear Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, speaking before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, said that the Navy needs bigger submarines than those of some other Powers because under-sea operations might be required in the South Atlantic.

Admiral Stark declared that Germany and Russia had built large numbers of small submarines for use against nearby potential enemies, but "the United States builds submarines for operations against potential aggressive enemy action far distant from our shores."

Following Japan's Lead

"It has been the uniform policy of Japan to build a large number of submarines capable of operating in distant areas."

Replying to the criticism that the proposed \$1,300,000,000 expansion of the fleet was "too heavy in favour of destroyers," Admiral Stark asserted that Britain had 350 destroyers and other specially constructed escort vessels built or being built.

SUSPECTED SABOTAGE

Factories Destroyed By Fire In Berlin

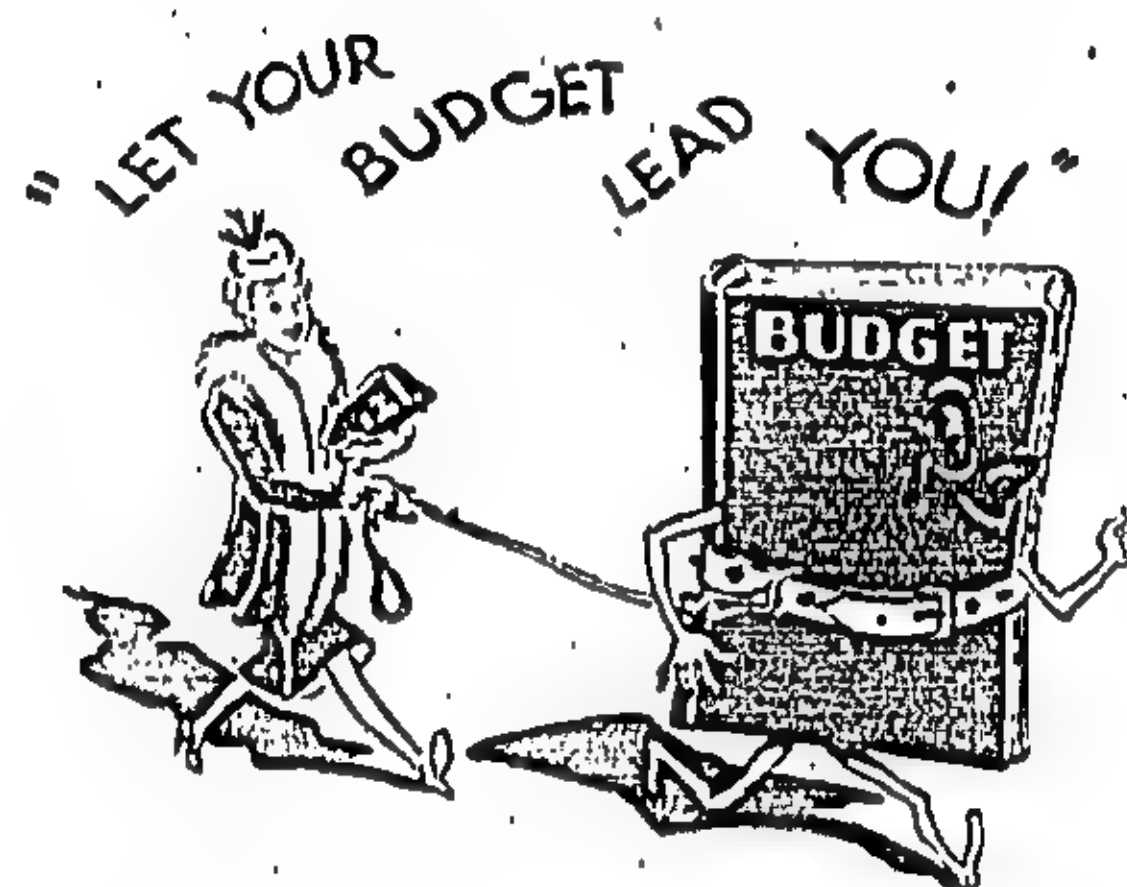
BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—There have been four large fires in Berlin in 24 hours.

Two factories were completely destroyed while a third was badly damaged.

Extreme cold made it difficult for the Berlin firemen to prevent the flames from spreading.

In spite of the death penalty for incendiarism, there have been many cases recently, and it is thought that these four fires are also due to sabotage.

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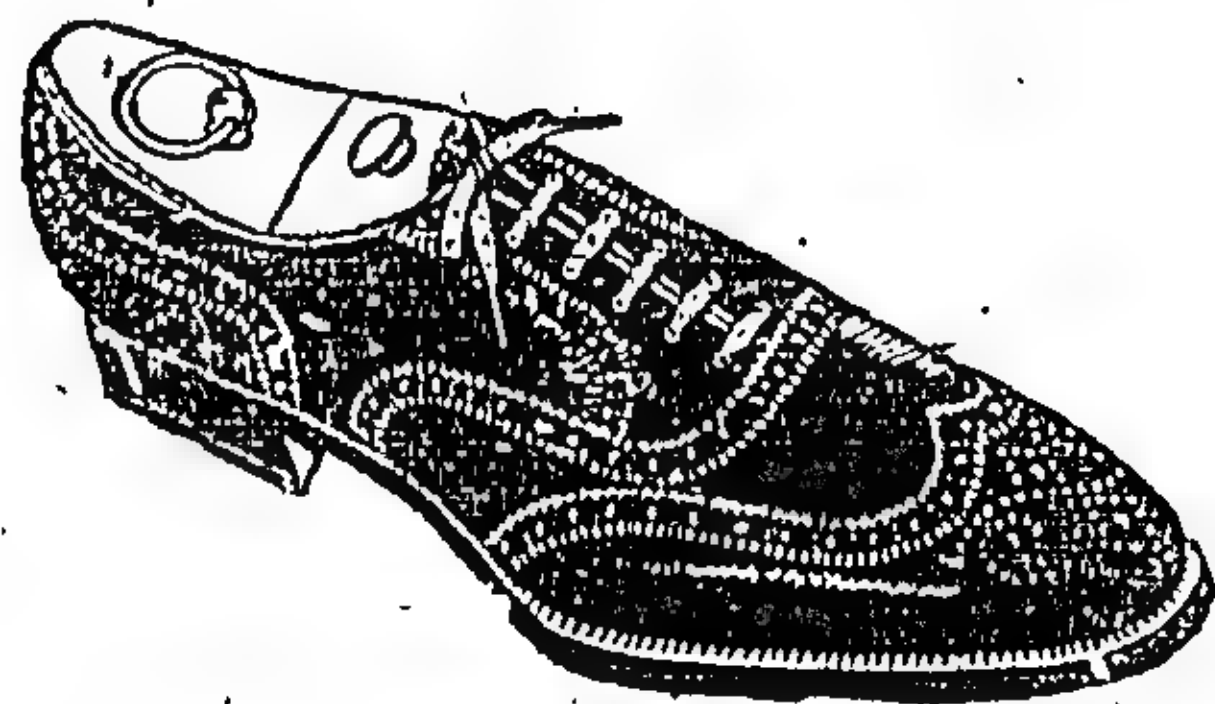
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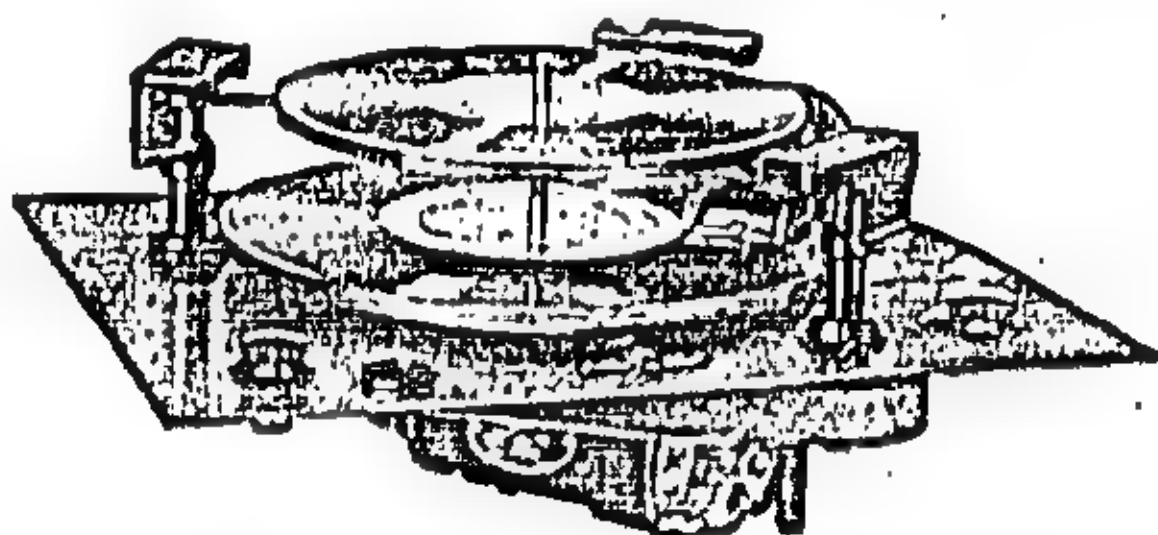
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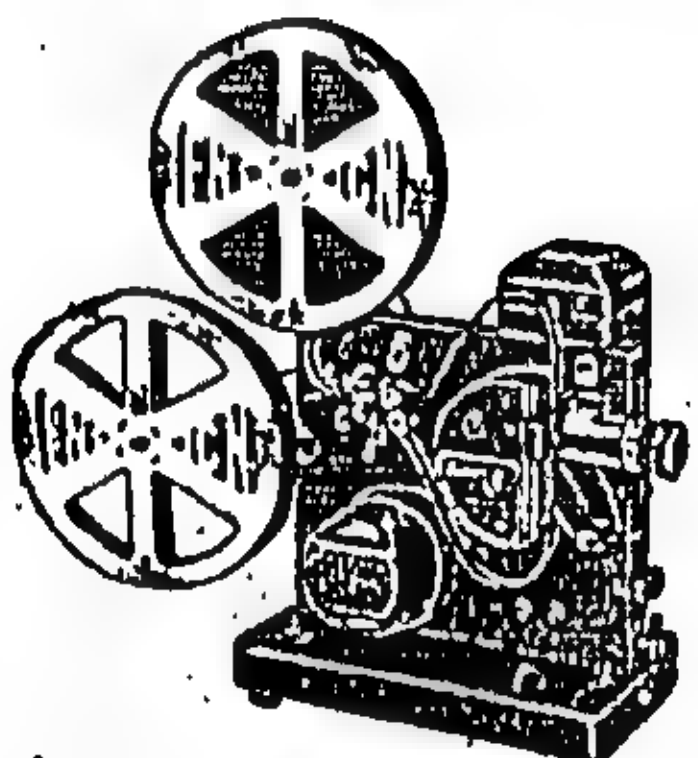
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Hongkong's Flora

The despoiling of the Colony's flora by countless gangs of firewood thieves has gained such alarming proportions, that a capably organised campaign in order to suppress the evil, is urgently needed.

It does not matter which district is considered, wherever trees and shrubs grow, these gangs of marauders are to be seen, day in and day out. Those who enjoy the Colony's countryside are horrified at the ruthless damage which has been done. Where once existed shaded forestry paths winding along the hillsides and through restful valleys, one now gazes upon ugly barren vistas, acre upon acre. Surely something can be done even at this late juncture?

Old residents who take a pride in the Colony point out to the newcomer that when Britain began development the hillsides were bare, and that the present beauty is the result of an early afforestation policy which has had the effect of transforming the barren nature then existing, to the pleasantly wooded Colony. It is estimated that on the island alone, several thousand people are engaged daily in this nefarious practice. There is no doubt that many of them are taking advantage of the high price of firewood, and find it a lucrative business in supplying firewood merchants from the hills and dales of the Colony.

Every firewood merchant should be licenced, and called upon at any time to reveal the source of supply. The gangs themselves should be dealt with as sternly as is any other class of thief, for unless effective measures are taken immediately, the damage will become irreparable.

There is some sympathy for the beggars who collect a few bundles of dry sticks, but sentiment cannot be tolerated when it means the gradual disappearance of the appearance of the Colony. The Botanical and Forestry Department should collaborate with the Police in stamping out this scandal, otherwise we might just as well save the money which is spent in planting trees and shrubs. There is no excuse whatever for the existing state of affairs, and it

WILL HITLER ATTACK THE LOWLANDS?

AN unknown number of German divisions are now massed along the Dutch and Belgian frontiers.

Scores of Nazi bombers are standing by on the frontier aerodromes and the tension has been increased by the imposition of a strict military censorship between Germany and the Low Countries.

What does it all mean? Is Hitler planning a Blitzkrieg through Holland or Belgium—or both—with the dual object of outflanking the Maginot Line and of establishing air and submarine bases on the Channel ports from which to launch his attack on Britain?

Such, in brief, is the strategy of the Von Epp plan, long toyed with by the German General Staff. But its chances of success are today small.

From the German point of view full success depends on a surprise attack of such force as to crush all opposition and enable German motorised columns swiftly to overrun the Low Countries.

But today surprise is impossible. From the French border to the Zuider Zee is a chain of fortifications manned day and night by Belgian and Dutch troops.

By comparison with the sunken mountains of steel and concrete which are the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, the defences of the Low Countries are modest—pill-boxes and casemates, mined roads and bridges. Neither the Belgian nor the Dutch General Staffs believe that their de-



THE LOWLANDS

Neutrality

Both Belgium and Holland are neutral States in this war. Dutch neutrality is not internationally guaranteed like that of Switzerland. Holland is free to act as she thinks fit. No Power has the right to come automatically to her assistance.

The Belgian position is different. She had, till 1936, a military agreement with France. But France and Britain still guarantee her neutrality. There are, at present, no military agreements between Holland and Belgium.

Both Powers are signatories of the Oslo Convention, together with Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Luxembourg, for the joint discussion of economic problems.

History

Belgium succeeded from the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Holland) after a revolution in August, 1830. Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was elected King 1831. Succeeded by Leopold II. (1885—1909), Albert (1909—1934) and Leopold III. Belgian independence recognised by all States of Europe at Treaty of London, 1839.

Language

There is no Belgian language. Northern half of Belgium is Flemish (Low Dutch) speaking, southern half is French speaking. This section of the population is called Walloons.

Until 1914—18 was French was official language. But in German occupied territory Flemish aspirations were encouraged.

Since that war the Flemings have gained ground. Flemings are mostly farmers with high birthrate, Walloons mostly industrial workers with low birthrate. Flemings would now prefer reunion with Holland. Walloons look to France. But Holland prefers Belgium to remain an independent buffer State.

Defence

Belgian Army is 800,000 war strength, Dutch is 250,000. Holland's first line of defence is behind the River Yssel and Maas (see map). Beyond this, protecting Amsterdam and Rotterdam, is a 25-mile-wide band of floodable country.

Belgium's first line of defence on the north is behind the fortified Albert Canal between Antwerp and Maastricht. To the south-east the first line is formed by the forts round Liege and the hilly country of the Ardennes. Behind lies the strong line of forts on the left bank of the Meuse.

is planned as a strategic trap, trenches linking the forts and Belgium's army of 600,000, pill-boxes, mobilised within four days of As in Belgium, all the frontier the outbreak of war, is now roads, bridges and dykes of completing the digging of Holland are mined. All the

frontier pill-boxes are manned, the Dutch army stands on guard.

Should the Germans strike, the Dutch will make their main stand along the Rivers Maas and Yssel, which flow parallel to the frontier.

If forced to retreat, the Dutch will call on their oldest ally—the sea—and flood a 25-mile-wide belt of country stretching from the Zuider Zee round Utrecht to the River Waal and the North Sea.

The hope is that Hitler's chariots will be caught in these waters to become a target for British bombers. But if the Germans ever get as far as this into Holland, it will leave them free to wheel southward against Belgium along three main roads—from Nijmegen to Breda, from Venlo to Turnhout, and from Venlo to Maastricht.

One possibility is that Germany may be content with attacking Holland, in which case Belgium might still remain neutral.

In face of reverses, or the continued stalemate on the Western Front, Hitler may be tempted to try to repeat the great flanking movement through neutrality which so nearly succeeded for Germany in 1914.

S. E.

The ex-Kaiser may have to move

WHILE Holland stands by to open the flood-gates to let loose a 30-miles tidal wave as a barrier against invasion of her lowlands, the ex-Kaiser considers the possibility of having to move house in case his countrymen should cross the frontier.

I have just made a lightning tour of the area which would be flooded in the event of trouble. In the midst of that area is the Castle of Doorn, sanctuary of the 80-years-old ex-Kaiser.

Only last June the residents of Doorn gave the ex-Kaiser a summer-house. Here he is drinking his health at the presentation.



The Dutch authorities smiled when they heard that this white-haired old man who led his people to war 25 years ago was now busy building underground air-raid shelters.

They immediately despatched a courier inviting him to take up residence at the Hague should invasion seem imminent.

It is a tremendous scheme that Holland has embarked upon to protect her country.

To-night, at key points of the elaborate system of dykes, canals, and waterways—memorials of her ceaseless fight with the sea—sentinels stand waiting with wrenches, crowbars, and sticks of dynamite for a broadsword which would empower them to send a vast tidal wave of water from the North Sea to the higher elevations of the Belgian frontier.

The wave would sweep over fields and meadows, pour through villages, and isolate ancient towns, such as Utrecht, where I am writing this message.

When the wave reached the Belgian frontier, other commands

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New Japanese Cabinet EXPECTED TO CHANGE ATTITUDE

Cordiality For The Western Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—While the State Department maintains a guarded silence on the Japanese Cabinet changes, diplomatic circles predict intensified Japanese efforts to reach an understanding with the United States and Great Britain before the expiration of the United States Trade Treaty on January 26.

Japanese circles here characterize the Yonai Government as a "strong Cabinet" capable of vigorous and independent action to meet the extraordinary situation.

Possible Agreement

The State Department declined to confirm or deny the Japanese statement that the proposed draft for a modus vivendi has already been submitted to Washington, but reformed diplomats placed credence on the report, and suggested that the proposed agreement might somewhat be related to the Japanese Cabinet change, since apparently the new Japanese Government is generally more friendly disposed to the Western Powers than the former Cabinet.

It is believed that they will have more freedom to pursue energetic actions necessary to effect an agreement.

More Friendly Towards Britain

Informed quarters here said the resumption of the Japanese Navy Group to power probably presages renewed emphasis on friendly relations with Great Britain with whom the Japanese Naval authorities have been consistently cordial.

They said it might indicate a reversal in the attitude which existed in the 1920's when Britain's Admiralty and the Japanese Naval Command co-operated closely on diplomatic lines.

Such a development, they said, would be significant in the United States by halting the trend towards an incipient naval race with Japan which, although costly and politically dangerous here, would probably prove to be economically disastrous to Japan who is already involved in a costly military adventure.

War Will Continue

Informed quarters also express the belief that no drastic modification is likely to occur in the Japanese military operations, but that the Cabinet shift might result in an altered policy towards the Western Powers in China.

The first impression of keen analysts here is that the new Japanese Cabinet is better equipped with non-political and political prestige to effect a change in the Japanese national policy than was the former Cabinet.

This is considered to be an essential requirement in working out an agreement with the United States.

Lady Driver Fined

Husband's Explanation To The Court

Mrs. J. P. Whitham, of Shek-O, was fined \$5 on each of two summonses for leaving her car in Queen's Road Central for a period longer than necessary on December 7, and failing to produce her driving licence to a police constable.

Mr. Sheldon heard the case at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Whitham represented his wife and pleaded guilty to both charges. He explained that on the day the offences occurred, he was ill with malaria and had a high temperature. In consequence of his illness, Mrs. Whitham forgot to take her licence to the Traffic Authorities, and did not remember until the Traffic Department communicated with her.

Sub-inspector F. J. Clarke agreed that his enquiries confirmed Mr. Whitham's illness, but with regard to the other offence, the car was left outside the King's Theatre, which was always a busy spot, for 20 minutes.

8,500 HOUSES RAZED BY FIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 10 (Domei).—Up to 7.30 o'clock last night about 8,500 houses were believed to have been reduced to ashes in the disastrous fire in the city of Shizuoka in Western Japan. About 60,000 people have been rendered homeless.

The fire began to burn down for the first time about 9 o'clock in the night. The prosperous city, with a population of 200,000 and about 30,000 houses, has been gutted from the northwestern tip to the southeastern end. Among the latest important buildings razed were the Minyu Shimbun and the City Post Office. The Imperial villa, the Prefectural Government, the City Office, and the Police Station were reported to be safe.

A gale is blamed for the disaster.

Alleged Assault On Constable

Complainant's Story Told In Court

Alleged to have assaulted Indian constable Ganga Singh in Sports Road, Happy Valley, on Sunday, Au Kwong, 33, hawker, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning. He denied the charge.

Constable Ganga Singh said he saw Au attempt to climb into the Hongkong Football ground when a football match was being played. He ordered the man away, but a little later, saw Au make two further attempts to enter the ground.

Throw Stones At P.C.

When he again ordered Au away, the latter picked up stones and threw them at him. He chased and caught Au, who struck him in the mouth and put up a struggle in the course of which, both fell into a nullah by the roadside. Another constable, Naranjan Singh, then came to his assistance, and Au was placed under arrest.

Ganga Singh added that his watch glass was broken in the struggle and he was also scratched on the hand.

After corroborative evidence by Naranjan Singh, the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

Towed Ship Reaches H.K.

Adventurous Trip At An End

After being found helpless near British North Borneo with a broken propeller shaft, a 5,000-ton Ben Line steamer has arrived at Hongkong for repairs after being towed several hundred miles to Manila by a Greek steamer and from Manila by the tug Henry Keswick.

As soon as she has discharged her cargo, the crippled vessel will go to the Whampoa Dock.

Bound for Manila, the vessel broke her propeller shaft two days out of Singapore near Pelawin Island after encountering heavy seas.

The Greek steamer will receive big salvage money as the vessel had about 2,000 tons of cargo on board.

\$250 Fine For Driving Car While Drunk

"A car is a very dangerous instrument when driven by an incapable driver," said Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he imposed a maximum fine of \$250 on Zia Yui-fah, 22, of 30 Montagu Hill Road, for driving under the influence of drink.

It was stated that on January 12, Zia was driving along Connaught Road Central near the Hongkong Cricket Club, when he collided with a car near the waterfront. Zia's car swerved across the road and only stopped about five feet away from the kerb.

Pleading guilty Zia said when he got into the car he was quite sober, and it was only after he had travelled a short distance that he began to feel the effect of drink.

S'hai Consul To Join The Polish Legion

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Polish Acting Consul-General, Mr. Andrzej Bichowski, left Shanghai on Sunday for Europe to join the Polish Legion in France. It was learned to-day.

He is a veteran of the World War, in which he held the rank of captain, and for courageous achievements he was decorated by the Polish and French Governments.

ARMY OFFICER FINED

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Capt. H. L. Duncan, of the H.K.S.R.A., by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for speeding along Chatham Road on the morning of December 22 on a motor cycle. He was travelling at 50 miles per hour.

Capt. Duncan said that he was in a hurry to get to a bank.

Rationing Works Smoothly

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—After an experience of one week of the schemes for the rationing of butter, bacon and sugar—the only foods yet subject to rationing in Britain—it was stated authoritatively to-day that the machinery was working smoothly and well. There had been no shortage anywhere in the distribution of rationed commodities.

NAZIS MAY USE PACIFIC AS SUPPLY ROUTE

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The possibilities of German "running" supplies across the Pacific to Vladivostok and other ports from America under the "Cash and Carry" system are not being lost sight of in the Allied Contraband Control, which is tightening around all kinds of German vessels. As regards Russian oil supplies for Germany, it is understood that one route from Baku lies via the Volga to Moscow, then by canal to Leningrad, and from there to Germany by sea.

EUROPEAN ARRESTS THIEF

Mr. A. C. Sinton, of the Sanitary Department, yesterday charged a thief in his car along Kwong Wah Road, and eventually got his man in Nathan Road.

Tsoi Ming, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for the theft of a wrist watch from Pun Fun-law, 21, married woman.

Sgt. McDermott said about 3.15 p.m. yesterday Mr. Sinton was standing outside the Kowloon Dispensary Co. when he saw a Chinese snatch something from a woman. He got into his car and followed the man into Nathan Road, where he arrested him.

Claim Against Architect

Cross-Examination Of Mr. J. S. Gibson

Severe and lengthy cross-examination of the defendant, Mr. J. S. Gibson, marked the continued hearing this morning in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Lindsell, of the action brought by Kwong Yiu-wah and Kwong Fook-chuen, for refund of part of the fees paid to Mr. Gibson, an architect, for plans for the building of a feather factory in Kowloon.

Mr. F. I. Zimmerman appears for the plaintiffs and Mr. H. L. Kwan for the defendant.

Mr. Gibson said he had been in practice in Hongkong as an architect for 12 years. Chow Pak-puen was a draughtsman employed in his office. In this case, he had authorized Chow to take instructions from the plaintiffs and to agree regarding the fee. The negotiations in regard to the subject matter of this action were done through Chow.

Cross-Examination

Mr. Kwan, the cross-examiner, some time a building contract was signed?—Yes. And some time in September you sent two bills to plaintiffs, one for \$952.02 and the other for \$200?—Yes, they were sent from my office. When did you first meet the plaintiffs father?—The first time was when he signed the contract.

His Lordship: He never signed the contract at all. You must be careful of what you say.

Proceeding, Mr. Gibson said that at an interview between himself and the Plaintiff he agreed that the charges made in the bills sent out were excessive and reduced the fee to five and half per cent.

Mr. Kwan: The \$952 represented seven per cent?—Yes.

The next interview was at the Kowloon Hotel on September 16 when the contractor was also present. At the interview, in reply to an allegation made by the Plaintiff, Gibson agreed that the charges made by Chow and Lo "looked like squeeze."

Gibson said he supervised the work of the building until October 5, when he departed with the services. In his letter to the building authority explaining this he stated that he had completed 75 per cent. of the work. His Lordship: Do you say that figure was correct?—I would not go below 70 per cent.

The hearing is proceeding.

FUNDS FOR NEW U.S. BATTLESHIPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—It is learned authoritatively that funds for the construction of four 45,000-ton battleships will be withheld until proof is furnished why they should be abandoned in favour of larger ships, according to the instructions of the Representatives' Naval Appropriations Sub-Committee.

Britain's Reply To Safety-Zone Plan

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The British Government's reply to the suggestion by the Pan-American Conference that a 300-mile safety zone be drawn around the Americas has been sent to the Government of Panama. It is understood that the text of the reply will be published to-morrow.

A. R. P. Men Ready For Anything

Home Defence Units Keep Up To Mark

LONDON, Jan. 15, (British Wireless).—British towns have so far been spared devastation by air raids against which precautions of civilian defence were taken, but the preparations made in the first days of the war have not been relaxed. The civilian defence organisation stands ready.

A million and a quarter volunteer workers are at their posts and the training goes on. Of the numerous branches of civilian defence, few have the opportunity to carry out their duties except in practice exercises.

Auxiliary Firemen

Auxiliary firemen and "Arp-Men"—the latest addition to civilian defence ranks—are notable exceptions. According to the Ministry of Home Security, auxiliary fire service men are turning out day and night to every fire that occurs. At a recent London fire, which turned out to be one of the biggest for several years, over 200 Auxiliary firemen were on duty.

"Arp Men"—as they have been nicknamed—are the result of the German war on shipping. Merchant ships are torpedoed or mined at sea, or attacked by German aircraft with bombs and machine-guns. The casualties need the earliest possible attention. There is a call to show for first aid parties. Special A.R.P. squads stand by at ports ready to go to sea at the moment a call comes at any hour of the day or night.

Two Brilliant Rescues

On a recent occasion, two First Aid parties went out in a trawler to a ship three miles off the shore, which had on board the survivors of another ship which had been torpedoed. There was a heavy sea running, and the casualties had to be transferred from the ship to the trawler under difficult and dangerous conditions. There were 15 persons, all suffering from extensive superficial burns. It was not possible to use stretchers and every case had to be handled with the greatest care, one especially as he had broken his spine. The squads administered First Aid treatment under these conditions, took the casualties off and landed them.

Confidence Trick Boy Works Fast One On Woman

A Chinese boy of about 14 years carried out a successful confidence trick on a woman yesterday. In a report to the Police the victim, Wong Chiu-lan, of Pitt Street, said she was in the neighbourhood of the boy, carrying a parcel, approached her. He told her he wanted to have the parcel changed. He gave her to understand it contained banknotes, and asked her to do it for him. She consented, but before they parted, she handed the boy money—and jewelry to the value of \$51 as security.

On her way, she opened the parcel out of curiosity and found it to contain worthless newspaper. Rushing back to where she had left the boy, she found him gone.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The rush of enquiries has temporarily eased, and to-day's trading was not on so an extensive a scale as has been the experience of a few preceding sessions.

Buyers	
Union Ins.	\$400
Wharves	\$102
Docks	\$21 1/2
Providents	\$470
Hotels	\$570
United	\$33.05
Humphreys	\$8 1/4
Tramways	\$17.60
Yauwatt Ferries	\$24
China Lights (New)	\$4 1/4
Electricity	\$55 1/4
Telephones (Old)	\$25 1/4
Cement	\$18 1/4
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21 1/4
Watsons	\$9.15
Entertainments	\$6.00
Constructions (Old)	\$1 1/4
Vibro Piling	\$8 1/4
Sellers	
Docks	\$21 1/2
Tramways	\$17.60
Electricity	\$50
Cements	\$10
Sales	
Docks	\$21 1/4/30
Providents	\$44 1/2
Hotels	\$570
United	\$33.05
Realities	\$4 1/4
Tramways	\$17.60
Electricity	\$55 1/2

H. K. DROUGHT CONTINUES

Although .02 inch of rain fell last night, the Colony's drought has not ended as it entered its 52nd day last night, and is now within eight days of the record.

As plenty of water has been collected in the reservoirs over the rainy season, no further restrictions on water usage were anticipated provided the spring and summer rains are not unduly delayed. The Water Works Department told the "Telegraph."

U.S. Revolution Plot DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED

Many More Arrests Indicated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (UP).—Sixteen members of the Christian Front, arrested yesterday on charges of attempting to create a revolution for the overthrow of the United States Government, pleaded their innocence before the Federal Court in Brooklyn and were held for hearing on February 5 under bail of \$50,000 each.

Federal officials said the other two members would be arraigned later. They also stated that the 18 men arrested were only part of a larger group still under investigation.

Immediate Action Threat

Mr. Harold M. Kennedy, The United States Attorney at Brooklyn, said a joint inquiry with the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that the leaders threatened "immediate action," hence the arrests were made earlier than originally planned.

More Arrests Expected

The investigation also included a possible tie-up with the Irish Republican Army.

Mr. Kennedy said, "We expect more arrests. We have merely scratched the surface."

Buried Alive 22 Hours, Two Men Rescued

FRANTIC EFFORTS to save the lives of two brothers who were buried alive in an abandoned tunnel at Shing Mun succeeded last night, after the men had been buried for 22 hours.

Although in a state of collapse owing to lack of fresh air and food, the two men escaped, with only minor injuries.

The brothers were Wong Sau, aged 35, and Wong Choi, aged 25, both residents of Yuen in Hai village, N.T. They entered the abandoned tunnel, which had been constructed in connection with work on the Jubilee Reservoir, at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

"We had only walked about twelve feet when the roof of the tunnel suddenly collapsed behind us," one of the brothers said.

The two men walked on through the tunnel which, however, came to a dead end in the heart of the mountain.

Some hours after they had been buried other villagers, alarmed at their absence, commenced a search. The brothers were able to make their plight known and a large number of miners from the nearby tunnelling operations.

The miners worked throughout Sunday and were finally able to reach the exhausted men at noon yesterday—twenty-two hours after they had been buried.

It is believed that the cave-in was caused by a wolf trap set by some other villagers.

BRITAIN'S CAR TRADE BOOMS

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—While the German radio on Sunday announced the abandonment of Germany's export motor car trade as a result of the Allied blockade, the export of British cars to Australia, India, Burma, Portugal and Uruguay for the first three months of the war reached record figures.

The Society of Car Manufacturers states that there were also increases in the number of cars shipped to West Indies, Thai, Elco, Malaya, Canada and South Africa.

Stock Exchange Is Easier

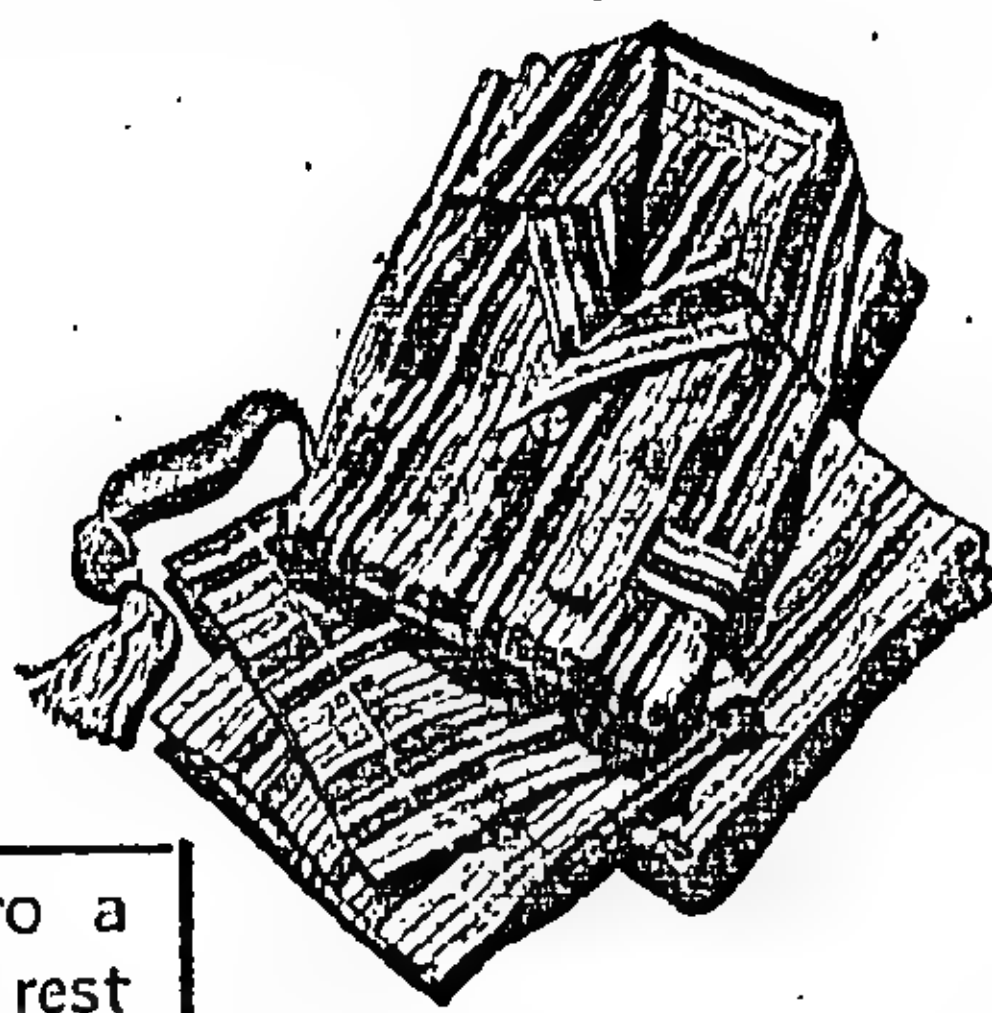
LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was easier on the renewed international uncertainties, but the losses in most groups were only small owing to the absence of selling pressure. Gift-edged securities headed the downdrift.

Of the commodities, tin was easier in sympathy with the Far East together with the continued paucity of consuming demand.

Wall Street was irregular.

French Press Chiefs In England

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—A party of eminent French newspaper proprietors arrived in England to-day as guests of the British Council. During their stay, visits will be made to Portsmouth and Aldershot, and they will see something of London's air defences. Among the social functions in their honour will be a lunch by Government on Thursday. The visit concludes on Friday.



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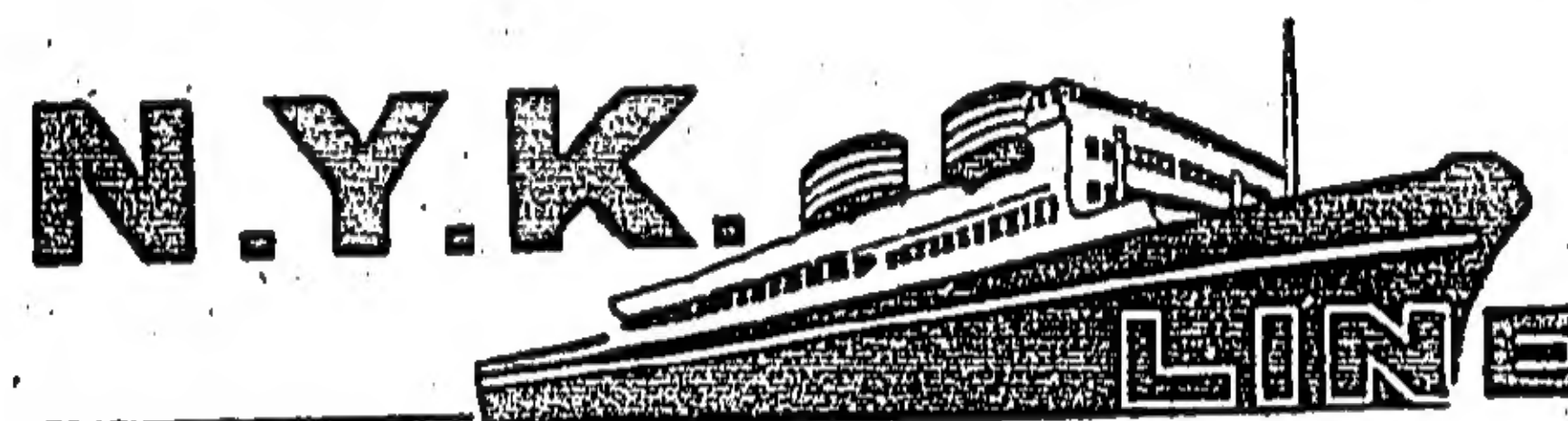
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OBJECTORS "SAFE IN THE R.A.M.C."

Red Claims Brought Home To Britain

THE Soviet demands on Finland expressed in terms of what
the demands would have meant to Great Britain are set out in
a statement based on documents published by the Finnish
Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which was issued in London
recently.

This is what it
meant to Finland



If the proposals were being
made to the Government of
Great Britain by a neighbouring
Power some forty times stronger
they would, said the statement,
be as follows:—

1. Britain must cede the Isle of
Wight to the foreign Power.
2. The Channel Islands must be for-
tified by the foreign Power.
3. Britain must hand over the port
of Southampton as a naval and
air base for the foreign Power.
4. Britain must hand over the Ork-
ney Islands to be fortified by the
foreign Power so that it will have
complete control of Scapa Flow
and the ports of Scotland.
5. Britain must destroy most of her
defences, leaving in their place
soldiers with rifles.
6. Britain must cede to the foreign
Power an area on the coast of
Norfolk extending fifty miles in-
land.

As compensation the neighbouring
Power would be willing to cede to
Britain some hundreds of square
miles of barren land of no strategic or
economic importance.

The actual demands put to Finland
were published on December 12 and
are shown in the adjoining map.
The Finns refused because to have
accepted such proposals would have
meant sacrificing the integrity and
independence of their country.

WESTERN FRONT

Luxembourg Shelled

Long-Range Guns
In Action

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—
In Luxembourg this morning a
shell struck a hotel during a
violent artillery action on the
western front.

Three houses were hit and some
windows were broken by shell
fragments, but no one was hurt.
According to the Luxembourg Press,
several shells landed in Luxembourg
on Sunday. One shell hit a high-
tension transformer, causing an elec-
tricity breakdown.

It is not yet known from where the
shells came.

Civilians Evacuated

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The
Nazis are reported to have brought
long-range guns into action on the
western front near Luxembourg, and
civilians have been evacuated from
some French villages ten miles behind
the front lines.

French Communiqué
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Jan. 15 (UP).—The 26th
communiqué states: "There were
patrol and artillery actions and local
encounters between the reconnais-
sance elements."

All Ears For Hore-Belisha

Commons Statement
Eagerly Awaited

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—
Although there is widespread
interest in the personal state-
ment which Mr. Leslie Hore-
Belisha, the former War Minis-
ter, will make in the House of
Commons to-morrow, there is
always the possibility that the
much-heralded debate may come
to nothing, says "Reuter's" Lob-
by correspondent.

May Avoid Controversy

It is considered possible that he
may take the line that no unnecessary
controversy should be aroused at
present.

Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement is
likely to begin between 3.15 p.m. and
3.30 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain is due to
make his review of the progress of
the war immediately afterwards.
The Prime Minister probably will
preface his statement with comments
on Mr. Hore-Belisha's speech.

Junks Destroyed

Working just outside British ter-
ritorial waters, Japanese motor
launches yesterday pursued and cap-
tured three cargo junks which were
attempting to reach the sanctuary of
Lamma Island.
The crews were set free in a sam-
pan and the junks were destroyed by
fire.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, before quit-
ting office as War Minister, pro-
mised that the position of
conscientious objectors wishing
to join the R.A.M.C. will be safe-
guarded if they register as
objectors, before offering their
services.

This assurance, it was stated
at Bristol Tribunal has been
given verbally to Dr. S. M.
Berry, general secretary of the
Congregational Union.
The Rev. E. J. Blythe, a Congrega-
tional Minister, handed the tribunal
a letter from Dr. Berry to this effect.
It was to cover the case of Donald
George Beck, a Bristol Corporation
clerk.

Matter For Army

Judge Withers, chairman, said
the tribunal had power only to direct
that an applicant should be registered
for non-combatant duties.
The rest was a matter for the
Army, but he would like to know
what the practice was.
Beck was registered for non-
combatant duties, with a preference
for the R.A.M.C.

Celt Objects

John G. Brooks, of Holton, Ox-
fordshire, objects to being called up
because he is a Celt.

"It was not right for the Saxons
(or English) to tell me what to do,"
he declared to South Eastern Coun-
ty's Conscientious Objectors Tri-
bunal, at Southwark, S.E.

He stated that he was a Welsh
nationalist and had now changed his
name by deed poll to Lagorona.

If the Celts, as free agents, told
him to fight he would do so, he re-
plied to a question by the chairman,
Judge David Davies, K.C.

The case was adjourned for fur-
ther evidence.

An application for the hearing to
be transferred to Caernarvon was re-
fused.

"England's War"

Unconditional exemption was
granted by North Wales Tribunal at
Caernarvon to Harry Griffith, clerk
at the Welsh Nationalist head-
quarters.

He could not take part in Eng-
land's wars, he said. He also objec-
ted on Christian grounds.

LETTERS

WREATHS

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—In Hongkong there are such
economical people who think that
wreaths are a waste of money and so
would rather contribute the cost of
them to charity.

They will not even lay a wreath at
the Cenotaph, in order to send \$25
to the Benevolent Society.

But are wreaths made of flowers
grown locally a waste of money?

To those who think they are, let
them bear in mind that the money
spent not only goes to clothe and
feed the flower stallholder and his
family but also benefits the gardener.

KHETA LUMBO.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Girls on Probation" (Majestic). A
fast-moving film. Exciting series of
brushes between criminals and the law
are the background for this tale of a
girl who was sent to jail for a crime
she never committed and haunted after
her release on probation. With Jer-
emy, Ronald Reagan, Anthony Aversil,
Shells Bromley and Henry O'Neill.

"The Ghost Goes West" (Oriental).
A popular "Old Favourite" returns to
the Oriental. Starring Robert Donat,
Jean Parker and Eugene Pallette the
film deals with the adventures of an
American millionaire who, when visit-
ing Scotland, buys an old castle which
he transports, plus ghost, to Florida.

16 KILLED WHEN WALL COLLAPSES

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—
Sixteen were killed through the
collapse of a wall during blasting at
the Dos Carlos Silver Mine at
Fachuca.

Six others are feared to be dying
and four others were also injured.

U.S. Ambassador Goes To Brussels

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Mr.
Cuddey, the U.S. Minister to Elce,
left Dublin unexpectedly last night to
take up the new position of U.S.
Ambassador to Brussels, to which he
was appointed a few days ago.

It is believed in Dublin that his
sudden departure was due to the in-
ternational situation and the desire
of the U.S. Government that their
representative be in Belgium immedi-
ately to look after American interests
there.

While the procession passed between
the ranks of the cheering populace.
In cafes and restaurants the German
National Anthem, Horst-Wessel song and
popular Nazi airs, were sung by choirs
of boys and girls. Everywhere was a
continuous roar of "Heil" for the
Führer.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries
is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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closed 15 minutes earlier than the
times below unless otherwise
noted, and where mails are adver-
tised to close at or before 8 a.m., regis-
tered and parcel mails are closed at
1 p.m. on the previous day. When
mails are advertised to close after 8
p.m., Registered and Parcel mails
are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Calcutta and Straits Jan. 10.
Haiphong and Hoihow Jan. 10.
Shanghai and Amoy Jan. 10.
Airmail by "Air France Direct Ser-
vice"—Paris date, 10th January.
Canton Jan. 17.
Haiphong Jan. 17.
Japan and Shanghai Jan. 17.
Straits Jan. 17.
Australia and Manila Jan. 18.
Canton Jan. 18.
Haiphong Jan. 18.
Shanghai Jan. 18.
Straits and Saigon Jan. 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San
Francisco date, 23rd December
1939) Jan. 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways
Direct Service"—London date, 10th
January Jan. 19.
Sundoban Jan. 19.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane Jan. 19.
Europe via Suez and Straits Jan. 20.
Straits Jan. 20.
Shanghai Jan. 20.
Air Mail by "Pan American Air-
ways Direct Service"—San Francis-
co date, 13th January Jan. 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct
Service"—London date, 13th Jan-
uary Jan. 21.

Calcutta, Straits and Saigon Jan. 21.
Japan Jan. 21.
Shanghai Jan. 21.
Shanghai and Amoy Jan. 21.
Haiphong and Hoihow Jan. 23.
Straits Jan. 23.
Straits Jan. 23.
Japan Jan. 23.
Manila Jan. 23.
Shanghai Jan. 27.
Japan and Shanghai Jan. 28.

OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Jan. 16
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G.P.O. and K.F.O.

Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Aus-
tralia by "Imperial Airways Direct
Service"—due London, 24th
January.

K.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
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signed on or before the 2nd February,
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tained immediately upon landing.

All claims must be sent in to me
on or before 17th January, 1940, or
they will not be recognized.

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ined by the Company's Surveyor
Messrs—Goddard and Douglas in the
presence of the Consignees at 10.00
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New Treaty Sought

Tokyo Discussion With
U.S. Ambassador

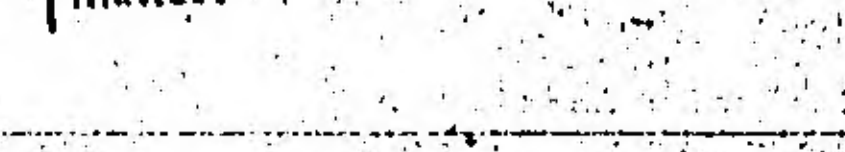
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15
(Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the
U.S. Secretary of State, stated
to-day that a new commercial
treaty with Japan is being dis-
cussed at Tokyo.

Asked at a Press Conference with
regard to despatches from Tokyo in
which Japan had submitted proposals
dealing with Japanese-American
trade relations after January 26, Mr.
Hull replied that all matters in which
the governments were interested
were under discussion from time to
time between Mr. Joseph Grew and
the Tokyo Foreign Office.

No Developments

These matters include the com-
mercial treaty situation and related
topics, Mr. Hull said. He added that
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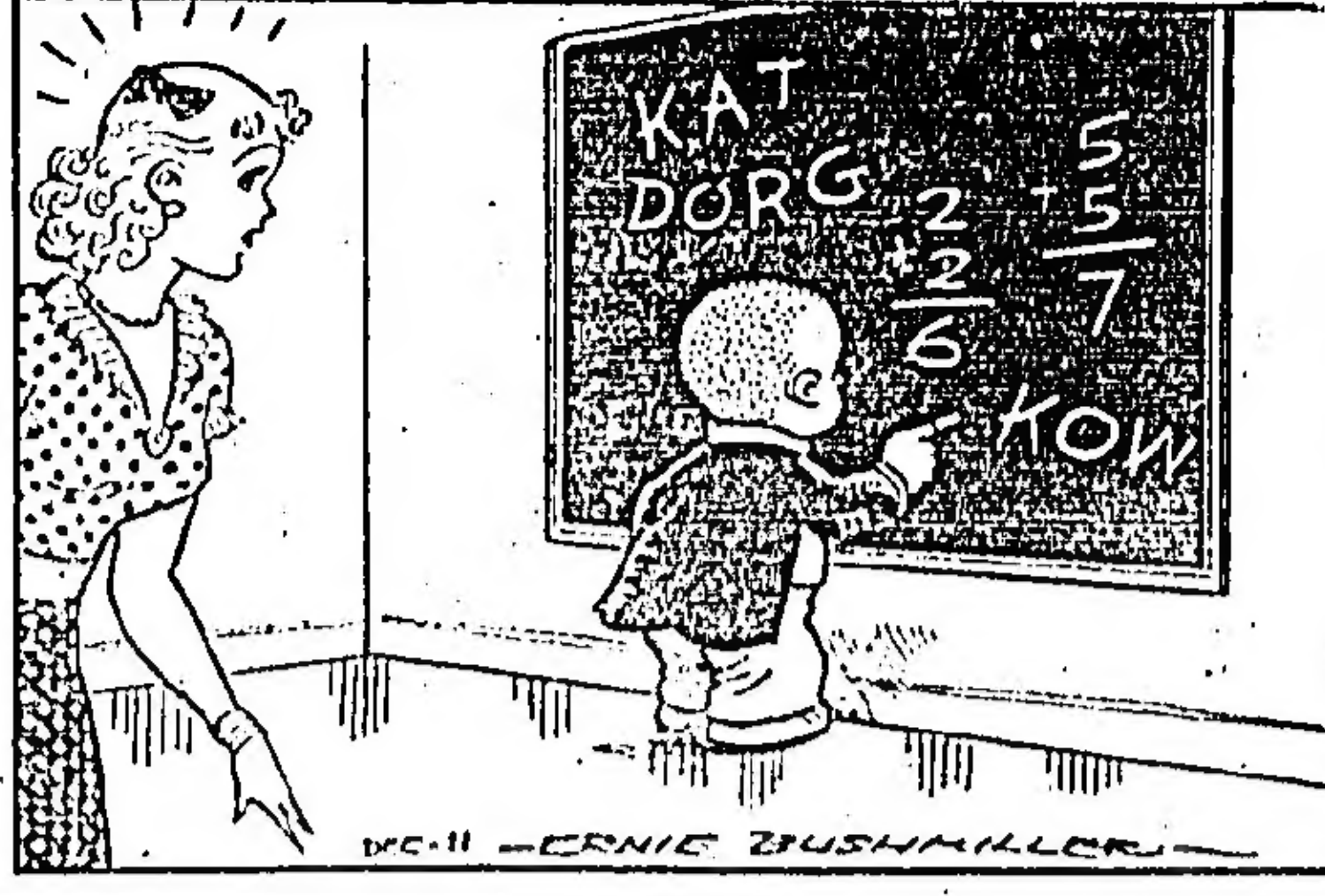
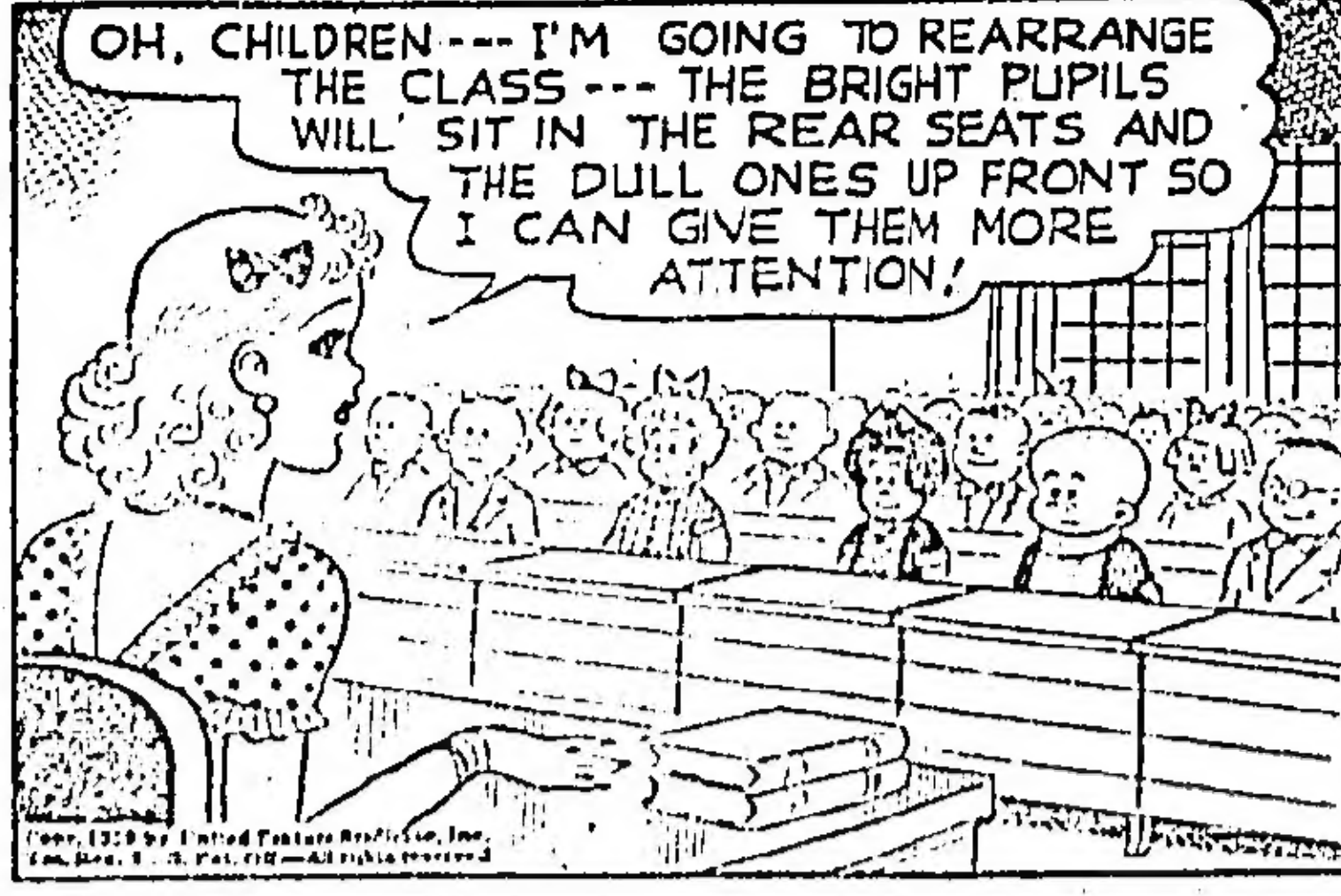
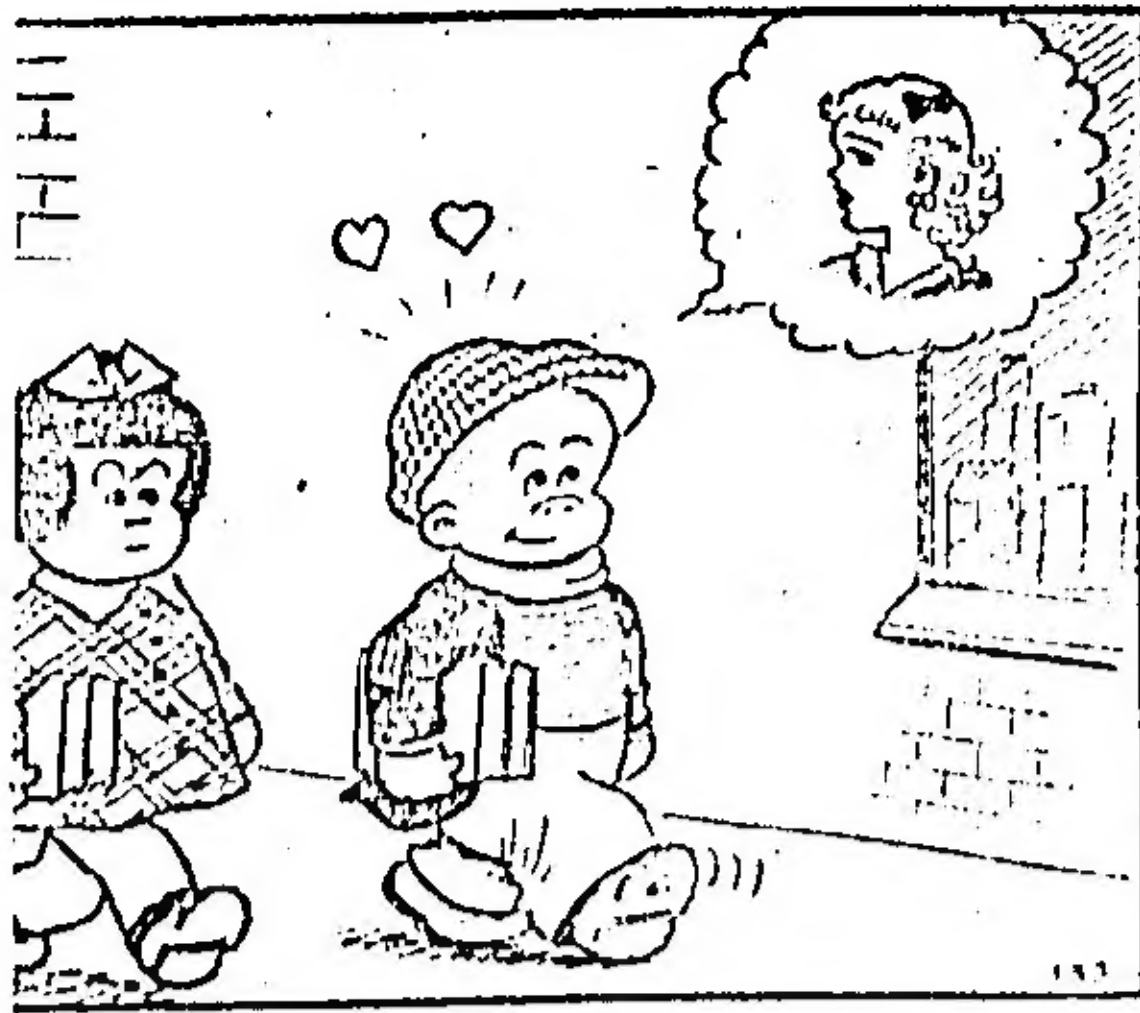
After the conference, a State De-
partment official explained that the
United States had not raised the
question of a new commercial treaty,
but Japan was anxious for a new
treaty with the United States and
had undoubtedly injected the matter
into the Tokyo discussions.



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Goodbye, Mr Chips

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CHIPS

"OH, hello, Chipping," greeted Masters. "How are you? Congratulations Yes."

"Er—thank you," murmured Chips. "My wife would so like to meet you. May I bring her in? We'll only stay a moment." He turned in the doorway to call: "Come in, Kathie."

She entered, looking most radiant and beautiful. She was a vision as she stood there, at Chip's side, smiling at the masters who stiffened as though to "Attention!" at drill, and stared.

"Er—these are my colleagues, my dear. Mr. Raven."

Raven bowed, a fixed, blank smile on his face.

"Mr. Murdock, Mr. Porter-Watson—" There was an incredulous, baffled expression in Porter-Watson's eyes.

"Mr. Hildersley, Mr. McCulloch," continued Chips's voice.

KATHIE made a general bow in smiling acknowledgment of the introductions. "It's so nice to meet you—just a little terrifying."

"Won't...won't you sit down?" gulped Porter-Watson. And at this invitation the spell that had held them silent and amazed was broken; they all rushed to fetch a chair for her.

"I'm afraid I oughtn't to break into a private room," said Kathie. "Not at all." "It isn't at all private—certainly not!" chorused a number of voices.

"Why, Chips told me it was terribly private!"

"Chips?" muttered Hildersley vaguely.

"My dear, I told you not to," said Chips, very much embarrassed. He explained: "It's just—er—a sort of nickname she's given me."

Murdock sprang to his feet and slapped Chips heartily on the back. "Chips! Why didn't we think of that? You must stay and have tea with us, Mrs. Chips."

"Oh, I don't think we—" "Oh, you must." "Of course." "Couldn't think of your leaving without tea." "Here comes Jenks with it now." The various masters all spoke at the same time.

SYNOPSIS

Chipping, the shy master at Broadfield School is bachelor for 20 years and one of the masters most disliked by the boys of the school. Returning from the summer vacation which he spent on a walking tour in the Tyrol with a fellow instructor, Max Staedel, Chips is bringing back a bride. The masters are in dismay, for Max has told them Chipping is bringing his wife to the common room to introduce her to them. Staedel slyly hints that Mrs. Chipping is elderly and red-nosed, but asks them to be kind to her for Chipping's sake.

"Well, then, I'd better pour it, hadn't I?"

They gathered about her, relieving her of her handbag, another of her cape, a third of her gloves, and then they drew up their chair about the table.

"We'll want some more cups," said Hildersley.

"McCulloch doesn't drink tea, Mrs. Chipping," said Raven, trying to edge his chair closer by pushing McCulloch's away.

"Don't talk nonsense!" cried McCulloch indignantly. "Of course I do—very frequently!" He got the first cup, and took it defiantly. The others offered plates of tea biscuits and little cakes to Kathie.

THE news of Chipping's wedding had spread something of wonder and consternation among the pupils. While Chips and Kathie were having tea with the masters, a dozen or more boys had gathered in the corridor just outside the instructors' common room.

One of them was peering through the keyhole, with half a dozen grouped back of him.

"Can you see her?" asked one boy. "Is she old?"

"Shut up you—fools! They'll hear us!"

"I can't see a thing if you keep shoving me!" complained the peeper.

"Who's shoving? What's she like?"

"She doesn't look much older than some of us," said the boy at the keyhole. "My eye! She calls him Chips!"

"Chips! What a rum name! What are they doing?"

The peeper continued. "She's made him buy a new hat and have his hair cut!"

"Poor old Chipping! It will kill him!"

"Quiet! Get back! They come out!"

The boys straightened up and "froze" their faces into expressions of painfully elaborate casualness, as the door opened and Chips ushered Kathie out, while the masters inside called further goodbyes, and asked her please to come again.

IT was quite evident to Chips what the boys in the corridor had been up to, and the look he gave them was none too friendly.

One boy raised his hat, with an "er—hello, sir." The other boys doffed their caps.

Chips, with a small, sheepish smile, grasped Kathie's arm to lead her away, but she stopped and smiled at the boys.

"Good evening! Are these some of your boys, dear?"

"Er—yes. Martin, Winthrop, Brown and—er—the rest of you—this is Mrs. Chipping."

"I hope we are going to meet again," Kathie smiled at them. "Indeed I know we are. Mr. Chipping wants to have a tea party for his boys every Sunday."

"Er—what's that?" asked Chips, hearing of his desire for the first time, but Kathie spoke quickly through his undertone: "I think it would be nice if you boys started the ball rolling by coming next Sunday."

"Oh thank you! We'll be glad to!" cried the boys delightedly.

"You said four o'clock, didn't you?" Kathie asked Chips.

"I—er—yes, four o'clock."

"Four o'clock then," said Kathie, giving the boys her most radiant smile. "We shall look forward to it. Good-night." She tucked her arm into Chips' and they walked away amid the astonished and delighted good wishes of the boys.

"Not bad, eh?" remarked one of the taller boys.

"She's pretty," said another.

"Pretty, you said! She's wonderful!"

THAT first Sunday tea party for Chips' pupils was a great success.

Chips sat in his chair by the fire-side, smoking his pipe, and watching with amused pride Kathie's way with the boys.

"Have another crumpet, Martin," she said to a tall, healthy looking lad. "You've hardly eaten anything."

"I'm in training, Mrs. Chipping."

"Martin is one of our best footballers," explained Chips. "He ought to get his colours this term."

"Really?" asked Kathie. "Do you think we'll beat Sedbury, Martin?"

"We ought to—" "The Sedburys are funks anyway," cut in another boy.

"The what?" asked Kathie puzzled.

"Sedburys—that's our name for them."

"I see. And what do they call you? The Brookfords?" after the roar of laughter that met her sally had died down, she continued: "Well, if you win the match, Mr. Chipping and I must give you a feast of victory." The boys enjoyed themselves so much that they stayed until Chips had to send them away so they wouldn't be late for chapel.

"What a nice lot they are," remarked Kathie, after the last boy had gone.

"They certainly are when you get to know them like this, though what authority I shall have in class after these orgies—"

"Ten times more," said Kathie, "because they'll look upon you as a friend."

"What a revolutionary you are."

She brushed the tobacco from his coat. "Try one of these jokes you've always kept hidden away—and see what happens."

"No, Kathie!" he cried in mock alarm. "There's a limit even to revolutions!"

BUT in the Latin class next day, as he stood before the blackboard upon which he had printed in large letters, LEX CANULEIA, something strange and new came over him.

THE EX-KAISER MAY HAVE TO MOVE

(Continued from Page 4.)

would be given. Further flood-gates and sluices would be opened, others closed, and the waves would then be diverted eastward to flow remorselessly towards Germany.

Eastern Holland would be separated from the west, where lie the key towns of Amsterdam, the Hague, and Rotterdam—separated by a vast expanse of water, encompassing nearly one-third of the whole country.

This is the Dutch plan to resist invasion by Germany, and it would take only six hours to carry out.

The Dutch Government has passed the Emergency Decree proclaiming large sections of the country as areas for floodings, but because of the heavy sacrifice entailed and the fact that there appears at present to be no direct threat of invasion, the vital word of command is withheld.

This decree was primarily intended to warn the inhabitants of the districts concerned that they must expect to be compulsorily evacuated at a moment's notice.

Natural Floods

IN my tour from Utrecht, where life is quite normal, to the German frontier, just beyond Nijmegen, I saw no signs of unusual activity. Many fields were flooded, but it was pointed out to me that this was due to the unusually high water level of the River Waal.

A certain amount of deliberate flooding has been undertaken, but this was also the case in 1914. The areas are those which cannot be included in the six hours' scheme.

If and when the "big flood" is ordered the fertile meadows will be

"Can anybody tell me what is the Lex Canuleia?"

Not a hand was raised. He called on Mason. Mason didn't know.

"It was the law that allows patricians to marry plebeians," Chips explained, and over his face passed an expression of one about to take a plunge into strange waters which he fears are very cold. He took a deep breath and went on: "It was a very handy law. For if Mr. Patrician told Miss Plebs that he was sorry but he couldn't marry her, after they made the Lex Canuleia she probably replied, 'Oh, yes you can, you liar.'"

For a moment there was no response to his experimental joke.

An expression of alarm was forming on his face and he was turning back to the blackboard when a sudden storm of laughter hit him like a wave. The boys laughed so long that he had to tell them: "That will be enough, thanks." Martin, however, could not stop.

"It's very kind of you, Martin, to express such violent appreciation of my—er—little joke, but we mustn't return you to your parents with a broken blood vessel."

Laughter broke out again, and Chips felt a little surge of triumph sweep over him.

TO-MORROW APRIL FOOL

Chamberlain To Tell Commons

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Jan. 15 (UP)—It is understood that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will announce in the House of Commons on Tuesday further details of the Anglo-French financial and economic agreement with Turkey.

The Premier will emphasize that, in accordance with the League resolution, Britain is substantially helping Finland, although it is expected that he will refrain from divulging the character of such aid, or the routes by which it is reaching Finland.

BLACK-OUTS IN VIENNA

ZURICH, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Vienna now will be blacked out at night, according to the correspondent of a Swiss paper.

It is officially stated that the measure is intended to economize in coal.

covered to a maximum depth of 2ft. This will be quite sufficient to make it impossible to distinguish between the fields and the myriads of 12ft. canals and ditches.

If any tank tries to cross that trap it will be just too bad for the tank, says the Dutch. So poor are the prospects, indeed, that the Dutch Army itself has only one tank. It was bought at the end of the last war, and after becoming bogged a-x times in a mile during its trial run it was transferred to the Dutch war museum, where it still remains.



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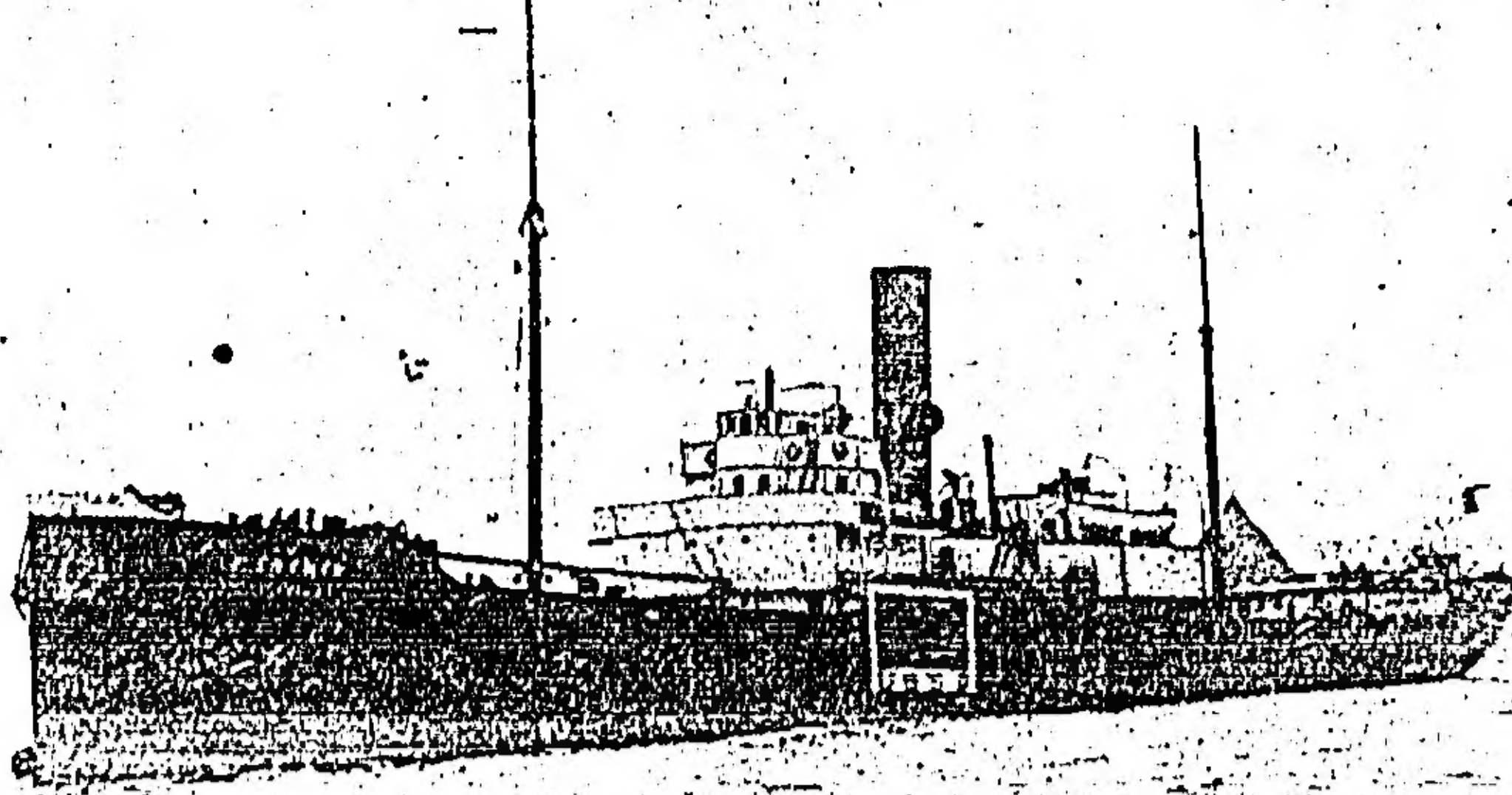
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HITLER SPIES AS 'DUTCH POLICE'

AMSTERDAM.

A WIDESPREAD plot to smuggle into Holland a number of German spies, dressed in Dutch uniforms, has been unearthed here following the arrest of a young Dutch Nazi.

The man, named Albrink, was stopped by Customs officials at Rammelbeek, on the German frontier.

The car he was driving was searched and in it were found trunk loads of Dutch uniforms—those of military police, ordinary police, railway guards and postmen.

Inside Frontier

Albrink, whose home was in the Dutch frontier town of Denekamp, worked for a garage proprietor in Northern, just inside Germany.

As he was thus constantly crossing the frontier, he apparently thought he would not be challenged by the Customs.

But he had been watched by the authorities for some time, and they struck just as his plan neared fruition. It is supposed that Albrink, acting on instructions, bought the uniforms from secondhand clothes dealers in Holland.

To Be Copied

He was taking them to Germany so that they might be copied.

Nazi spies would thus have been enabled to cross the frontier in Dutch disguises and, when they arrived, have a greater freedom of movement than ordinary people.

Both Albrink and his father are members of the Dutch-Nazi Party.

Tribute To Nazi Pilots

Courage And Daring In Night-Flying

LONDON, Jan. 15. (British Wireless).—That R.A.F. fighters could bring an enemy air offensive on Britain to a standstill in a comparatively short space of time by losses which would be inflicted on the raiding bombers is the opinion held in authoritative London circles.

Although tribute is paid to the efficiency of the self-sealing petrol tanks carried by Heinkel bombers, which increases the difficulty in shooting them down in their spasmodic appearances over British shores, it is pointed out that neither British aeroplane design nor armament is standing still, and British fighters shortly will be able to shatter these tanks, which at present, though riddled with bullets, do not leak sufficiently to prevent the enemy reaching home again.

Skill And Courage

The skill and courage of night-flying German pilots is fully recognised and it is appreciated by the men of the Fighter Command that neither British industries nor civilian population will be safe until the full offensive breaks out and the percentage of losses which the enemy will have to suffer, affect the morale of the German pilots.

THEY FORGOT THEIR BABY

DANVERS, Mass. (UP).—A young man and woman entered a restaurant, ate, paid their check and departed.

As they sped away in their automobile an employee followed them in another machine. "Haven't you forgotten something?" he shouted.

"Gosh!" said the woman as she and her husband returned for their six-week-old baby they had left in an adjoining booth.

1914-18 AIR ACES IN FRANCE

MEN who between 1914 and 1918 fought aerial battles over the German lines are now helping to fight aerial battles from the ground. Aerial combat is a young man's job, and they are too old to take to the air again. Many are members of the staff organisation that directs the present generation of fighter pilots of the R.A.F. to successful action. Some are in ground jobs at Fighter Command stations. Others again are at the Air Ministry.

These men were among the first to respond when the R.A.F. was expanded on a war basis. They still carry pilot's wings on their uniforms, but the only flying most of them do is in communication aircraft, just as business men use a car in the day's work.

Ribbons Tell History

Their history is told by rows of medal ribbons. A veteran of four wars won his first decoration in the Matabele campaign, long before the first aircraft left the ground. At the same R.A.F. station is a liaison officer who wears the uniform of the Navy. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross in the last war for sinking a submarine from an airship.

Others fought the "Richtofen Circus" which became almost a legend on the Western Front. One who served with the French Air Force was already a veteran in the last war. He is one of the R.A.F.'s oldest serving officers, but has been flying "dual" on a communication aircraft.

Brought Down 17

A grey-haired pilot who wears the ribbon and bar of the Distinguished Flying Cross and was officially credited with having brought down 17 German aircraft is delighted to be again flying Service aircraft, after 21 years' interval.

In those days he flew Camels. "Grand machines!" he found them, but he is still young enough to see both sides of a question. "We had no parachutes," he says, "and engine failure was all too common, but the machines were slow, could be landed in almost any field. With the modern Service machine you have a parachute that really works, and there are many aerodromes; but you also have high landing speeds and three or four times as many controls to operate." His sixteen year old son is an expert mailplane pilot. "I left school to get into the R.A.F.," his father says, "now my boy is hoping against hope that he will get his chance. I dare not try and put him off—and I don't think I want to."

LATE NEWS

Nazis Execute "Malcontent" Soldiers

A NUMBER of German soldiers have been executed at Lorrach, near the Rhine, states the Daily Mail. The Correspondent.

Swiss people have heard bursts of machine-gun fire from a stone-quarry which has previously been used by the Nazis for the execution of malcontents.

Three Beheaded

THREE men who had been sentenced to death for high treason by the People's Court in Berlin were beheaded recently. They were said to have supplied information to a "foreign intelligence service."

One of their accomplices, states the official German News Agency, was executed some time ago.

Vernichtungsieg!

AFTER the long-promised German "Blitzkrieg" (lightning war) comes the "Vernichtungsieg." This means "Victory based on complete annihilation of the entire armed forces of the enemy is the main strategic object of a successful war in the West, according to a book by General Erturk who coined the term "Blitzkrieg."

An ordinary victory may enable the enemy to retreat, says General Erturk. So the slogan of the German Army must be "Vernichtungsieg!"

Tallest Soldier

LEO GRABOWSKY, said to be the tallest soldier in the Polish Army, who was taken prisoner by the Russians, has been sent back to Germany as it was discovered that he was a German. Grabowsky is 7ft. high, states the Hamburger Fremdenblatt.

He has become quite a celebrity in Germany and has joined the Army. He is decorated by the papers as being among the "trophies" of the Polish campaign.

Million Will Move

AGREEMENT has been reached between Berlin and Moscow on the exchange of minorities in Poland.

According to German estimates, 115,000 peasants of German nationality and 1,000,000 Russians, Ukrainians and Ruthenians will be transferred.

Many Polish Jews are expected to take advantage of the more liberal Soviet views on nationality to declare themselves Russians or Ukrainians.

"Mother Medals"

GERMAN mothers who have had four or more children are given special medals "with the compliments of the Fuhrer." In Munich alone, according to the Neuste Muencher Zeitung, 4,000 were distributed in the past six months to women aged between 30 and 70. There will be a new distribution next month for mothers aged 50. They number 4,000.

Thirty per cent. of all medals are given to mothers with eight or more children, says the paper.

"Destroy Hitler"

A MANIFESTO to the German people demanding the destruction of a Free Germany was read on the German Free Radio.

The announcer said that after the Munich bomb explosion the leaders of the German Socialist Freedom Party met somewhere in Germany and issued the manifesto. "The struggle is not waged by foreign countries or foreign agents, but by millions of German workers," said the broadcast. "The third, fourth, or fifth blow will strike down Hitler. But we want more. We are not satisfied with the destruction of Hitler and his party. We want a Free Germany."

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